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Teachers set strike deadline



The 744-member Plymouth-Canton Education Association teachers' union has voted to set a Jan. 16 strike deadline. The teachers and the schools are locked in contract negotiations.

BY M. B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton teachers plan to strike Jan. 16 if negotiations with the district continue to stagnate.

At a general membership session that preceded picketing and the Board of Education meeting Monday night, the 744-member Plymouth-Canton Education Association decided to strike if a tentative agreement isn't reached in two weeks.

At issue are wage re-openers for

this year and next, the 1995-96 school calendar and contract language about school improvement and site-based decision making.

Currently, entry-level pay for teachers in Plymouth-Canton is \$29,793. Top of the scale — for teachers with masters' degrees and 11 years' seniority — is \$58,101. Experienced teachers who earn 30 hours of academic credit beyond their master's earn \$59,101.

The district reportedly is offering

teachers — who deferred a 3-percent raise last year when the schools were financially strapped — a half-percent raise. Teachers are asking for 2 or 3 percent, commensurate with what surrounding districts are giving teachers.

Bentley Elementary, site of the board meeting, was so crowded that the session had to be moved to Salem High School. Board members heard from a string of angry teachers.

Tom Cotner, chief bargainer for the teachers, said, "I'm not here to harangue you, or to make a prepared speech. We are appreciative of your efforts at mediation and regret no more progress has been made."

"But if we are going to fight, let's fight fair. We want no misinforma-

tion. It has been implied that the MEA is running the show, or that we must be lying to the membership.

"There is no hiding any information from our teachers by this negotiating team, nor will there be as long as I am chief negotiator. You will not be able to raise the specter of the MEA running this district. That will not happen. Our teachers tell the five of us what to do, and that's what happens."

Cotner was roundly applauded. Denise Gimpel, who teaches psychology and anthropology, told the board, "I work my heart out. I spend countless hours outside school staying current in my fields. I fund-raise

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BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Teachers picket: Members of the Plymouth-Canton teachers' union picket during a school board meeting on Monday. The teachers are negotiating with the schools for a wage increase. A Jan. 16 strike date has been set.

Church fights to keep the homeless housed

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

A Plymouth Township church that houses homeless people one week each year is being taken to court by the township government.

Ron Lowe, attorney for First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, said Plymouth Township is the only municipality in Wayne County where local officials challenge these visits of homeless people.

Lowe was scheduled to represent

the church today in 35th District Court at a pre-trial conference before Judge James Garber.

Lowe said it's a centuries-old tradition for churches to provide sanctuary, adding the church should never have asked permission in the first place.

"We seriously believe that the only problem is we asked for permission for something we never needed to obtain," he said, adding the church will file a motion to quash the tickets.

The visits of homeless to churches around the county are organized by the Cass Community United Methodist Church of Detroit.

About 60 homeless people were bused to the church on North Territorial in October. A township ordinance officer wrote six tickets against associate pastor Kevin Miles and the church on the basis that the church is not zoned for residential use and for failure to provide adequate shower facilities.

The issue was first raised around Christmas three years ago when the church sought township permission for a similar visit by homeless people.

Township officials rejected the request, and that got attention from news outlets around metro Detroit.

Then supervisor Gerald Law echoed Lowe's contention that once the church asked for permission the township government had to follow

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Yule concert: Plymouth Community Chorus performs its Christmas concert Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 1-4, at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Plymouthopoly

Plymouthopoly games patterned after Monopoly were created for Plymouth Playscape Project volunteers, to sell to raise money for the playscape project.

The professionally-crafted games sell for \$20 each and are available at Little Professor Book Center, Laurel Furniture, Walker-Busenbergh Furniture, Children's Orchard, Colonial Cleaners and Sideways.

Family sing

Enjoy a warm, old-fashioned Christmas sing-along and Christmas tree dedication in Kellogg Park at 6 p.m. Sunday.

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Hot cider will be available and local families will lead the crowd in their favorite yuletide carols, backed by some Salvation Army musicians. Everyone that comes to the sing-along will receive a candle.

Holiday books

Little Professor Book Center owner Jackie Power says the publishing industry has scheduled a strong list of titles and authors this Christmas season.

Among the newer titles being offered are "In-

sonnia" by Stephen King, "Taltos" by Anne Rice, "Dark Rivers of the Heart" by Dean Koontz, "Don't Stand Too Close to a Naked Man," by Tim Allen, "The Raiders" by Harold Robbins, "Recession" by James Michener, "Nicole Brown Simpson: The Private Diary of a Life Interrupted," by Faye Resnick, and several kids titles, including "The Most Amazing Science Pop-Up Book."

Salvation Army needs help

Volunteers are needed now to ring bells for the Salvation Army's kettle drive. There are currently far fewer volunteers as there were at this time last Christmas season.

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Yule Cheer Club in full swing

The Plymouth and Canton Observer Christmas Cheer Club is back.

We started taking your donations of toys and canned and boxed food on Friday. And you've come through with donations — 14 of you, by noon Tuesday. While that's great, we're running a bit behind the pace set during Cheer Club drives in recent years.

Our Cheer Club donors so far are the Confer family of Canton

— William, Ann, Janet and Brian; Kimberly, Lauren and Rebecca Lovell of Plymouth; Tom and Barbara Tucker of Plymouth; Linda Chomin of Plymouth; Joe and Fran Murawa of Plymouth; the Ludwig family of Plymouth; and Sue Donohue of Plymouth.

We're taking new, unwrapped toys and canned and boxed food, for needy kids and families this Christmas.

Then at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, representatives of the Salva-

tion Army will help load up the toys and food on their truck.

The items will be taken to the Salvation Army's Plymouth distribution center and grouped with other collected donations.

And there, needy families from Plymouth and Canton who qualify to receive food and toys by Salvation Army guidelines will be invited to take your donated gifts.

In each issue of our newspaper during the Christmas Cheer Club drive, we'll list names of donors

who bring things in. We'll also run a photo or two of folks dropping by our office to donate.

Our office is at 744 Wing just east of Main Street, and office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We've recorded as many as 200 donors to the Cheer Club during the Christmas season.

We hope you can join the Cheer Club this year. For more information, call the Plymouth and Canton Observer office at 459-2700.

Lawsuit called frivolous

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

State Rep. Deborah Whyman says that a lawsuit over campaign literature, filed against her by former Democratic opponent Donna Clark, is frivolous.

"It's ironic she is willing to throw mud, but when she gets it thrown her way, she gets upset," said Republican Whyman shortly after she was served with notice of the lawsuit Nov. 21.

Steve Markham, Whyman's attorney, said Clark's libel suit filed Nov. 7 has no basis. "Eventually we will move for summary disposition and dismissal of the case. To bring a libel suit on the basis of a disagreement between candidates is without basis. Exchange is pretty free in a campaign," Markham said.

Clark filed a two-count suit against Whyman and a group called the League of Wayne Voters for literature she believes was malicious. The first charge, against the league, involves literature issued the week of Oct. 31 that appeared like official, yet false, tax-increase notices from Canton and Van Buren townships. In the literature, the League of Wayne Voters claimed that when Clark's recently in-

creased salary as a Van Buren Township trustee is divided by the time she works, Clark earns \$420.50 an hour.

Clark's attorney, Dan Hoekenga, on numerous occasions unsuccessfully requested a retraction from the League of Wayne Voters.

On election night, Clark said that if she made that much, she wouldn't have been seeking election to a state job that pays far less.

The charge against Whyman involves literature designed as a chart responding to claims against Whyman. In each issue refuted by Whyman, the literature says in bold print: "Donna Clark Lied."

Hoekenga said the literature that prompted Whyman to respond with the "Donna Clark Lied" material was not issued by Clark in the first place. "We sued her because she put out literature that Donna Clark lied, and that's just not true," Hoekenga said.

He said the claims against Clark hurt her efforts to win the state House seat from incumbent Whyman. "We were contacted by people who were persuaded not to vote for Donna Clark," he said.

Hoekenga added that Clark sued Whyman on principle. "I think public officials should be

held accountable for what they put out."

Whyman said that Clark should recognize that as a candidate and elected Van Buren board member, she is considered a public figure or official.

Markham said that public figures are subject to a different standard than private citizens. But he nonetheless believes Clark has no basis for a suit against Whyman.

Hoekenga, on the other hand, said he intends to prove that the information published by Whyman's re-election committee is maliciously false or reckless. He also wants to seek a retraction from Whyman. But Hoekenga said he will not seek punitive damages from Whyman because a retraction was never sought previously.

However, Hoekenga intends to seek actual and punitive damages against the League of Wayne Voters, which has a Northville mailing address. He also claims that the league did not file proper papers to serve as a committee or to issue literature.

"They haven't done anything that would allow them to do anything under an assumed name," said Hoekenga, adding that more people may be added to the suit.

Police arrest woman

Plymouth police arrested a 46-year-old Canton woman at 3:26 a.m. Nov. 24 on drunken-driving charges on Ann Arbor Road near Main Street.

An officer, parked in a car dealership, noticed the woman turn southbound onto Main Street. She was reportedly traveling at 53 mph.

The woman's blood alcohol level was measured at .16 percent. A level of .10 is considered legally drunk in Michigan. The woman was taken to the station, booked and jailed. She was given a December court date.

Homeless from page 1A

its ordinances.

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy said Monday, "The issue is not that we don't want homeless people, the issue is we want a safe environment for everybody."

"We want to protect the safety of everyone in the community," she said.

Lowe said the group of 60 homeless people stayed at the church for three nights in October. On a typical day, the group would board buses in Detroit in

the evening, arrive at the church and be served dinner and participate in activities, sleep overnight and be served breakfast.

"In the morning they load up the buses and go back to their jobs or back on the streets, I un-

derstand there is a mix," Lowe said.

He said that by a unanimous decision of the church council, the church decided to participate in the program by hosting homeless people one week per year.

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Board rejects hiring

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

An administrative proposal to fill a supervisory maintenance position at a cost of \$50,000 was rejected after the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education heard from a representative of the maintenance union Monday night.

Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations, recommended the hiring of John Kelley as supervisor of high school maintenance operations effective Nov. 28.

The proposal failed, 3-4, with Trustees Mark Horvath, Susan Davis, Barbara Graham and Jack Farrow dissenting. Voting yes were trustees Dave Artley, Roland Thomas and Sue Feiten.

Goldman presented the measure as a way for the district to cut costs. Chris Gearns, maintenance union spokesman, told the board that while Kelley is well-qualified, "the whole process has been nothing short of a sham from start to finish, designed to benefit one candidate."

The issue first surfaced, said Goldman, "in 1990 when North Central (the accrediting body) made the recommendation. The opportunity again arose in 1994 when one of two plant engineers retired. There was an attempt to limit any negative impact on a large number of employees and discussions with the membership

were held at the time," he said. "This was an opportunity to eliminate two plant engineers and save the board \$50,000 per year."

Gearns said Kelley is "a very good employee and well-liked by his co-workers." But he questioned the wisdom of hiring an administrator when the unit is contractually understaffed.

Already, seven administrators help supervise 35 maintenance employees at the park at a cost of \$600,000, he said.

Objections were first raised last summer when the job was posted.

"There was some question as to whether the posting was adequate," said district spokesman Richard Egli. "It was re-posted, and the candidates who came forth as a result of that produced no one sufficiently strong to be interviewed." There were 13 applicants, Goldman said.

Gearns doubted that "Just 13 people interested in a job that pays \$50,000 plus benefits and requires minimum skills?"

"Why would this administration be so reluctant to conduct the process in a fair and open manner before the public? Please hold your administration to higher standards and reject this motion."

If the district truly is interested in cost savings, "you would have more carefully considered our contract proposals in August,"

said Gearns. Maintenance workers, like other employee groups, are working on a contract extension.

Gearns said his union isn't asking for a pay raise, but a nominal cost of living increase and "other things that would relax the contract and allow for comp time in lieu of overtime. That would save thousands."

Farrow asked whether a possibility exists that "as a result of negotiations, this could be rendered moot?"

Gearns said, "I think you've got a couple board members who truly think privatizing is a good idea. Can a private company come in and save money? Companies will say yes. But where are they going to save the money from? On the backs of employees. Not being factored in is the fact companies have to make a profit."

"We offered a very lucrative contract, which would have addressed some of the problems. The maintenance department is not fat in any areas," he said.

"We've been more than willing to discuss ways to meet these needs, but that has never been done. I don't think adding an administrator is going to be the answer, but more union personnel might not be the answer, either. Somehow, we need to work together in a cooperative atmosphere."

Greens sale



JOHN STORMZAND/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Holiday decorations: A Holiday Greens Mart will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday in the lobby of the Mayflower Hotel. The greens are being sold by the Plymouth Branch of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association and include wreaths, boxwood and holly. There will also be a bake sale. The Greens Mart is club's major fund-raiser, with the proceeds going to scholarships and civic projects. Nancy Swartzwelder (left), greens coordinator, and Helen Hopkins, general chairwoman, display the greens.

Tax collection change weighed

Taxpayers in the Plymouth-Canton school district will pay all of their school property taxes in the summer if a resolution is approved by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education on Dec. 12.

Currently, taxpayers are assessed half their taxes in the summer, half in the winter.

The measure received preliminary approval from the board Monday night. A vote will be taken at the Dec. 12 school board meeting, set for 7:30 p.m.

For the owner of a \$100,000 home with an SEV of \$50,000, that means all 6 mills, or \$300, will be levied in the summer. Currently, such homeowners are assessed \$150 in the summer, and

\$150 in the winter.

For commercial property, the bite is bigger. All 18 mills levied on non-homestead properties will be due in the summer.

"It is the recommendation of administration that the board of education consider moving from our current 50-percent summer tax collection to a 100-percent summer tax collection," said Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business. "This would directly benefit the school district in collecting all 18 non-homestead mills in the summer, which amounts to about \$14.5 million."

"This collection would enable the district to greatly reduce the amount of borrowing for cash flow purposes, and thereby reduce the

amount of the interest expense budget in the operating budget."

The board unanimously agreed to publish in the Observer newspapers a notice regarding the Dec. 12 meeting.

The only disagreement concerned the newspaper in which to publish the legally-required notice of the December meeting.

After some discussion, it was decided to publish in the Observer, not the Community Crier, as the Crier lacks market penetration in Canton.

"Our public has told us they want us to do a better job of communicating. This is an example of how we can do that," said Trustee Jack Farrow. "We need to provide that service."

Barber collecting toys for kids

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

For the 18th year, Mel Bobcean is collecting toys for kids at his downtown Plymouth barber shop.

The first year he collected about 200 items at his shop on Forest, Mel's Golden Razor. Now he's collecting more than 5,000 items per year.

"I start the day after Thanksgiving," Bobcean said. "I get calls all summer from people asking, 'Are you collecting again this year?'"

"We let people bring in things until a week before Christmas — because I have to have it a week ahead of time to get it to these people."

"I can't take clothes — I don't have the space."

But he will take any toy, as long as it's unbroken and not wrapped.

By early Tuesday, donated boxed ice skating outfits were stacked against a wall, near large white and red teddy bears

wrapped in plastic, a football and some stuffed animals. Toys donated over the years have included a room-sized air hockey game.

Bobcean has a scrapbook of letters thanking him for taking on the toy collection. He also has a framed proclamation honoring him for his work, read before the state legislature in 1992, and a "Big Heart Award" from Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Once a woman on ADC who he'd delivered toys to came into the store and hugged him.

"She said she wouldn't have a Christmas for her two boys if it wasn't for me," he recalled.

While Bobcean delivers some of the items, he said that he doesn't have enough time to deliver to everyone. He must care for his wife Nancy who has multiple sclerosis. So some recipients pick up items from his shop.

Bobcean, who opened his shop here in 1959, said most toys start the last two weeks be-

fore Christmas, with boxed toys nearly crowding out the customers.

He also takes cash donations in a jar in the barber shop. Last year he collected \$1,000.

He finds out about needy kids and families from local ministers and from word of mouth. One woman knits 50 mittens and hats each year, and last year someone donated 30 food baskets, each with a ham and turkey.

Folks can bring donated items by the shop during business hours, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

"We get a lot of regulars coming back every year," Bobcean said, adding school classes and scout troops also donate toys.

Bobcean also donates new stuffed animals to Mott Hospital and works with First Step and some other local agencies that help kids and the needy to pass on donated items.

Holiday 'Winnie' production enriched by director's work

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Starting a family theater program is a goal of play director Jennifer Tobin, who is directing "A Winnie-The-Pooh Christmas Tail" Friday through Sunday for the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Performances, which feature Plymouth and Canton residents, are at 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the arts council headquarters on Sheldon at Junction.

Tobin recently moved to Michigan from Maryville, Tenn., where she was director of the Blount County Junior Playhouse and instructor for the Maryville College Learning Center's Performing Arts Workshop and the Bijou Theatre in Knoxville.

She formerly directed for the Lancaster Arts and Civics Theatre in Ohio and served as a performing arts administrator and as director-choreographer for the Oglebay Institute Townsgate Theatre in Wheeling, W. Va.

With their two young sons, Tobin packed her theater trunks to accompany husband Tom who recently took a job with AP Technoglass in Plymouth.

Tobin said she's thrilled with the opportunity to direct here and is impressed with the arts council's commitment to establish a theater program with all ages of actors involved.

"It's wonderful to have a new building with space allotted for theater," she said.

Among those involved in the production of "A Winnie-The-Pooh Christmas Tail" are producer Sandra Richards, professional costumer Jan Hiatt Nelson, lighting manager Jason Richards and musician-accompanist Anne Merenda.

After the public performances this weekend, the musical play will tour local elementary schools Fiegel, Field, Farrand, Bentley, Tonda, Eriksson and Allen before Christmas.

"I'm also enthusiastic about establishing a family theater program — The family that plays together kind of idea," Tobin said.

"Most communities have children's groups or adult groups but our goal is to produce family-oriented material with the whole family, from children to grandparents, involved in the productions. We



BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Play opens: Patti Nelson, Hillary Bracht, Ellen Kline, Liz Isakson and leader rabbit Nicole Anderson rehearse their parts for "A Winnie-The-Pooh Christmas Tail" opening Friday.

can all learn so much from each other," she said.

The cast of "A Winnie-The-Pooh Christmas Tail" includes Missy Willman as Pooh, Lauren Stemberger as Piglet, Julia Anderson as Eeyore, Nicole Anderson as Rabbit, Tiffany Frank as Tigger, Kimberly Theeke as Kanga, Sarah Wierciocch as Roo, Susan Merenda as Owl and Dylan Tobin as Christopher Robin.

The cast ranges in age from 5-15. "They come from all over Plymouth and Canton with various levels of experience, some have had vast experience and for some this is their first time," Tobin said.

"They love it. They have no fear as long as they know what they're doing and they're getting to that point," she said. "Rehearsal is the key. I believe anyone who has the desire with enough guidance and practice can do it."

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for kids 12 and under. For reservations call 416-4-ART.

Tobin also plans a spring production. Anyone interested in participating can call her at 453-5212.

School board lauds soccer team

The state champion Plymouth Canton High School boys' varsity soccer team was honored with a resolution of congratulations by the board of education Monday night.

The Western Lakes conference champions took home the Class A state championship after beating Warren De La Salle 1-0, scoring 47 seconds into a second overtime.

Superintendent Charles Little

commended the team and its coaches, on hand Monday to accept their accolades. "It's instructive for us to see how, when you focus on something for a continued period of time, through ups and downs, you can win a state championship," said Little.

Coach Don Smith and assistant coach Jeff Neschich were thanked for providing strong leadership. Congratulated were team members Stacey Alleyne, Matt Ammons, Jason Bennett, James Bos-

sieux, Jeffrey Cohen, Shaun Conway, Chad Dale, Peter Demergis, Michael Elaner, Jeffrey Fliss, Keith Gniewek, Kevin Gniewek, Robert Gumber, Gregory Kilby, Jeffrey Knysz, Samuel McGrath and Ryan Meath.

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my brains out so I can take kids on archeological digs. I serve on crisis committees, helping kids who are suicidal, who are in abusive relationships, or who are chemically dependent. None of these things are in my contract. Your position insults me and diminishes my value and worth, and all the good work that I do."

Twenty year teacher Kathryn Thompson said teachers returned their raise last year "without malice. We've worked for 13 weeks in good faith," maintaining programs that receive state and national recognition. "This communicates to us that you take us

for granted; that we are not respected or valued."

It's ironic, said Thompson, that dignity and respect conferences are being held at the high schools. "It's insane to ask us to do with our students that which can't be done with us. It's hypocrisy." With teachers and five other bargaining units unsettled, "it's irresponsible to try and establish a world class school district," she said.

Mike Chiumento, who teaches at West Middle School, urged the board to offer a just and fair contract, and to examine the non-discrimination clause in the master agreement. "It behooves the

board of education to examine this language and include sexual orientation. It's long past time for the board to address this issue so that the contract is fair for all and inclusive for all."

John Duthie, a Canton High School junior, told the board, "You are giving teachers pretty much the shaft. I'm also a member of the marching band, and I'm here to support the teachers because they gave up their raise to help me. Kids are coming up to me and saying, 'Strike, strike.' I

hope it doesn't happen. I hope you resolve this quickly and give teachers a better deal."

School board president Dave Artley was the only trustee to respond.

"We do appreciate what you do. In my 11 years on the board, I have never sat at an all-night meeting with a mediator. There is only one issue, and it's that thing, money. No one in this room has any control because no one in Lansing listened to anyone in this room."

450 picketers bring message to school

BY M. B. DILLON
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Unfazed by temperatures in the 30s and wind gusts of up to 50 mph, 450 Plymouth-Canton teachers picketed for 45 minutes before Monday night's Board of Education meeting outside Bentley Elementary School in Canton.

Bargainers for the administration and the district's 744 teachers have made little progress, despite marathon sessions with a mediator.

At issue are wage re-openers for this year and next, the 1995-96 school calendar, and contract language concerning school improvement and site-based decision making.

"If we would have had more room, we would have put more (picketers) in," said Chuck Portelli, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association. Parked cars filled the lot and spilled over onto the lawn at the newly opened elementary school at Sheldon and Proctor roads. Teachers carried signs that said, "PCEA, MEA."

East Middle School teacher Linda Palmisano participated because teachers "need to stand up and show them a lot of us feel that what's been offered is a farce."

Ernest Bevins, who teaches at Pioneer Middle School, said, "We want to communicate to the board that we are backing our negotiating team 100 percent."

Bob Wisniewski, a teacher at Farrand and Isabster elementary, came to "support my negotiating team. We need a contract and the board has been reluctant

to negotiate. What they are offering, a half-percent, isn't enough."

Tom Cotner, the PCEA's chief bargainer and a computer instructor at Salem High School, said the teachers needed to make the statement that "teachers are worthy of some raises."

"Three-percent raises are occurring in districts all around us. Teachers are aware of what's paid in comparably sized districts such as Farmington, Livonia, Novi, and Northville. They're all making more than us. We are appreciative of the district's plight, but all we want — all we are asking for — is less than what is happening all around us. Our offer will put us \$5,000 behind comparable districts. So what makes Plymouth unique?"

"Their argument," he added, "is that Plymouth is unique among all districts in the area of being unable to afford not only raises that are happening, but the salaries that exist."

Students at Bentley were of two minds.

"I'm for it, because they gave up their 3-percent raise," said Nate Morland, a senior at Salem High School. "They gave it up for us to have sports and extracurricular activities. And now the district is acting like everything is all right. So I say, give them their raise back."

But another Salem senior, Melissa Hopson, disagreed.

"I just feel I've been going every day to learn, and the teachers are just going to go on strike when it's my senior year. I feel I need an education to get myself to graduation. I can't afford two weeks or however long they strike for."

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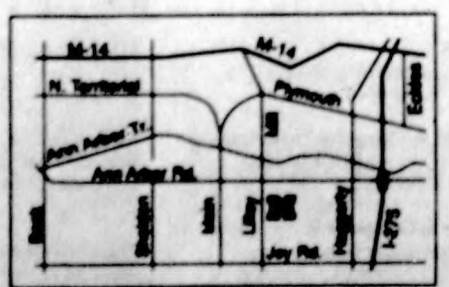
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Hart sentencing bill must wait 'til 95, says GOP chair

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Wait 'til next year, the state Senate told Sen. George Z. Hart Tuesday as he tried to tack stiffer prison sentences for parolees on a technical bill.

"I have no problem with the concept," said Senate Judiciary Chair William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison. "But the effect he (Hart) seeks to accomplish is in

effect now. I pledge to my friend, Sen. Hart, it will be an important part of the agenda next year."

Hart, D-Deerborn, seeks to write more clearly into the law books longer prison sentences for parolees who commit new crimes. Under bills Hart introduced in September, re-offending parolees would have to serve (1) the remainder of their maximum prison sentences followed by (2) a sen-

tence for the new crime they committed on parole.

Complained Hart: "The Department of Corrections is appealing this in the Supreme Court. You (VanRegenmorter) gave me your word six months ago it would get a (Judiciary Committee) hearing."

The Corrections Department is appealing a lower court ruling in the case of Gregory Young, who has 15 felony convictions on his record. The department wants the Supreme Court to say that parolees who commit new crimes should serve only the minimum sentence for the new crime — not the remaining sentence for the old crime — before becoming eligible for parole again.

If the Supreme Court agrees to hear the Corrections Department's appeal, a ruling will take a year. Meanwhile, some 700 convicts are serving the long consecutive sentences Hart advocates.

Among five absentees was Jack VanRegenmorter said Hart's

bills weren't introduced until September, just prior to the Legislature's campaign break, and there was no time to hold hearings.

VanRegenmorter said it would be dangerous to tack Hart's bills onto the technical bill because "the tie-bar will sink truth-in-sentencing. The House is determined to reduce prison sentences."

Hart's amendment was rejected 13-20 on nearly a party-line vote.

Supporting Hart's amendment were area Democrats William Faust of Westland and Lana Pollack of Ann Arbor.

Opposing Hart were area Republicans Fred Dillingham of Fowlerville, Michael Bouchard of Birmingham, Mat Dunaskiss of Lake Orion, Robert Geake of Northville, David Hongiman of West Bloomfield and John Schwarz of Battle Creek.

Among five absentees was Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills.

On final passage, the VanRegenmorter bill — which moves up the effective date of the truth-in-sentencing law from April to Jan. 1, 1995 — was adopted 32-1. It goes to the House, which may approve it by Dec. 31 adjournment time.

Lone dissenter was Sen. Jack Welborn, R-Kalamazoo, who objected: "What you have effectively done is build a new prison."

Effect of the longer prison sentences, combined with defeat of Welborn's boot camp bill, will be to add 400 more prisoners to the Corrections Department's system, he said.

"That's one new prison, with a capital outlay of \$50 million to \$60 million, plus operating costs," Welborn warned.

Welborn's bill would have allowed more defendants convicted of non-violent crimes to go to 120-day, military-style boot camps. At first it appeared his bill had won on a 28-6 vote. Faust was the only

area senator to vote no.

But Faust, retiring from the Senate after 28 years, noted that Welborn's bill amended a 1978 law approved by voters limiting "good time" for inmates. As such, said Faust, Welborn's bill required a three-fourths vote of each chamber for passage, not a simple majority.

Faust's objection sent presiding officer Schwarz, as president pro-tem, to his law books and calculator. "The senator is correct. This needs 28.5 votes," Schwarz said. He ruled the Welborn bill had failed.

Supporters vowed to try again once they could round up missing senators — Faxon, who is retiring; Gil DiNello, D-Eastpointe, who was defeated for re-election; Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing, a lame duck who had left the floor; and Don Koivisto, D-Ironwood, who also had left the floor.

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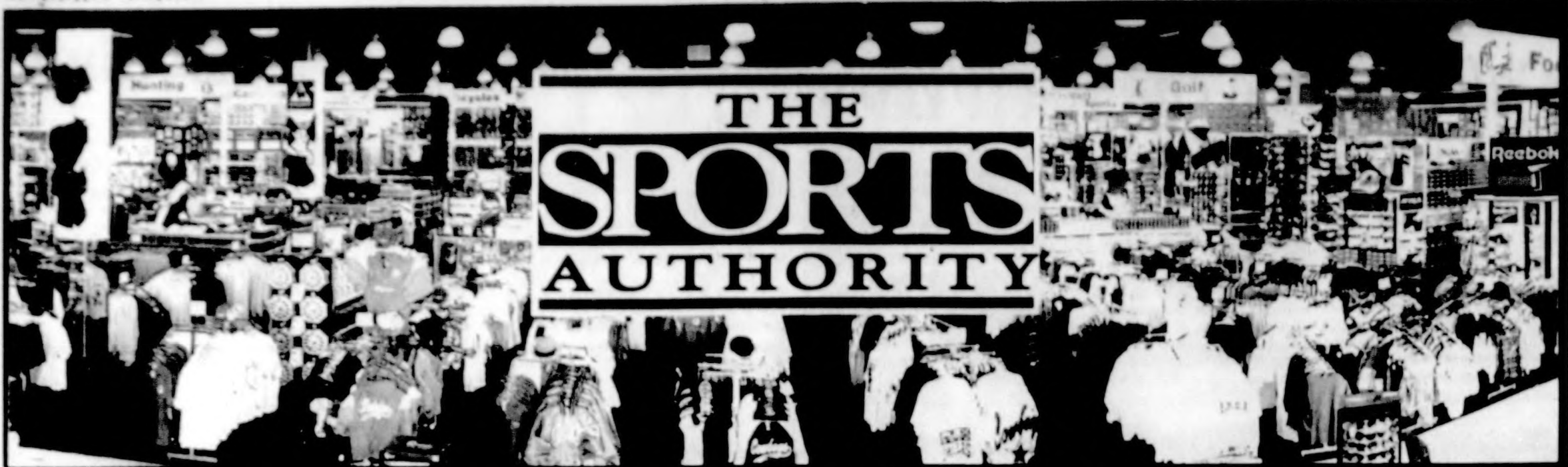
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Exec to SMART: Scale back demand

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

L. Brooks Patterson says the suburban bus system is likely to get \$4.5 million in new revenue next year — not the \$60 million being requested by its general manager.

"I don't think the public in the tri-county area or in Oakland County is willing to support a tax to the tune of \$60 million to support a merger of DDOT (Detroit's Department of Transportation) and SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority), said Patterson, the Oakland County executive.

"That number (\$60 million) was arrived at, quite frankly, among the Big Four (executives of Oakland and Wayne counties, chairman of Macomb County, mayor of Detroit).

"Dennis Archer, the mayor of Detroit, said 'I'm subsidizing my bus system to the tune of \$30 million, so I want \$30 million out of the pot.' So if Detroit wants \$30 million and the suburbs want \$30 million, that's your \$60 million.

"We're just never going to reach it. I buy into that (need for public transportation). I don't buy that it takes \$60 million to achieve it. If we learned anything (Nov. 8), it's make do with what you've got, Lansing and Oakland County, don't ask for more.

"There's going to be a gas tax (increase). It won't be the 15 cents floated by the County Road Association. Maybe five cents. Whatever the governor says he needs, I'll support — no more, no less.

"For every penny that goes up, the SMART system gets \$900,000. So five times nine is \$4.5 million. That's what we're going to get."

Patterson, the frequently pugnacious prosecutor of Oakland County for 16 years (1972-88), is in his first term as county execu-



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utive and part of the Big Four that oversees public transportation. He was interviewed for the Nov. 27 "Spotlight on News" program on WXYZ-TV.

Michael Duggan, acting general manager of SMART and deputy Wayne County executive, told the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments late last summer that it would take \$60 million in new revenue to accomplish the merger of SMART with Detroit's system and to extend the bus system to employment areas competing for workers.

Duggan cited the Chrysler Tech Park in Auburn Hills and the area in Livonia east of Middlebelt Road as places seeking workers who lacked public transportation to get there. During the interview, the West Oaks area of Novi also was cited for paying employees

bounties to recruit new workers.

Patterson agreed Oakland's economy is spectacular.

"They are paying bounties — \$1,000 for engineers. California has 460,000 designers and engineers (laid off from the aerospace industry). We're bringing back people to fill the jobs. As county exec, I've got to have workers for those jobs, or the jobs will go right back to California," Patterson said.

"According to the University of Michigan, which does a research project into our county every year, we will create 52,000 new jobs, which is 47 percent of all the new jobs in Michigan.

"It's just exploding out there. The economy is humming. I just get out of the way. But as we create growth, we create stress on the infrastructure.

"We've got to have an adequate transportation system to get people to and from work.

"In the northern tier of Oakland County, they're somewhat resistant to too much growth, so we've got to strike the balance. And I think we have.

"And we didn't do it at Detroit's expense. In Troy, at the new Somerset Collection North, when that's up and running late next year or early in '96, there's going to be 4,000 new retail jobs. That's not taking from someplace else. People will be coming from Chicago, Toronto. Spinoff to hotels.

"Right now Oakland County has retail sales greater than 17 states."

On other matters, Patterson said:

■ In 1994 the county froze wages and eliminated more than 200 positions to balance its budget — and was rewarded with an improved credit rating on Wall Street.

■ He will support Kathy Longo over Pat Hardy for Oakland Republican chair replacing Birmingham attorney Jim Alexander.

■ He's undecided about a State Bar proposal to create one "trial court," replacing circuit, probate, recorders and district courts. And he's against the plan by state Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, to take supervision of Friend of the Court operations away from the circuit courts and place it under general county government.

■ There's "not a chance" he would support casino gambling in Oakland County. "Good luck, Dennis. I wouldn't want to build my economy on a casino," he said.

■ His 1996 political interest is a second term as Oakland County executive, not U.S. Sen. Carl Levin's seat, and he has no favorite for the GOP presidential nomination.

Ex-husbands protest court order bills

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Senate was ready late this week to adopt the remaining domestic-violence bills on its agenda — over the protests of two ex-husbands who said their child-visitation rights weren't protected.

"It creates frustration on a denied parent, and it's unfair to children," said Gary Amman of the Non-Custodial Parents and Grandparents Organization in Grand Rapids.

But Senate Judiciary Chair William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison, told Amman his problem was with the courts, not the Legislature's efforts to protect women from ex-husbands and ex-lovers. "I have some sympathy with your concerns, but they're not part of the domestic violence (problem)," the senator said Tuesday as his panel approved all bills in the package and sent them to the Senate floor.

VanRegenmorter said he expected the House, which is working on similar bills, to be able to adopt them before the Legislature adjourns Dec. 31.

■ Kathleen Hagenian, of Ann Arbor's Domestic Violence Project, said the men's objections weren't valid because 'these (PPO) orders do not interfere with custody or visitation rights. A judge won't issue an order that conflicts with a visitation order.'

The package of bills requires circuit courts to issue "personal protection orders" to keep "ex's" from assaulting, entering the homes of, removing minor children in violation of custody agreements from, and bothering at work their former wives and lovers.

"Personal protection order" is the new term for what has been called a permanent injunction or temporary restraining order. Under the 1994 legislation, judges would have little power to refuse the request; police would have to enter the PPO information into the LEIN (law enforcement information network); and the PPO could be issued "ex parte" — that is, without the defendant's presence at the hearing.

One of the bills is sponsored by Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield. It would require the State Court Administrator's Office to design a short form a fearful person could use to petition a judge for a PPO without an attorney.

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The Grand Rapids men — Amman and Stanley Stempelki — had bad stories to tell, however, about judges.

"PPOs limit people who want to see their children," said Am-

man. "Your bills don't recognize support of visitation (rights). I had an ex parte domestic restraining order issued for trying to get a visitation order. How am I supposed to protect my time with my children?"

"You're pushing these things through awfully fast," objected Stempelki. "With your injunctions, we have nothing to protect people's constitutional rights."

Stempelki, who said he was divorced in 1986, said, "I've had numerous ex parte injunctions issued against me. Woe be to anybody who asks a hearing (before the judge to lift the order) because you piss off the judge and get a kangaroo court."

"I appealed a five-year injunction. It's been sitting in the Court of Appeals for three years," said Stempelki. He said the Kent County judge in his case accepted affidavits from his ex-wife that weren't notarized and denied him a transcript of the hearing.

"We're not in a position to act as an appellate court," replied VanRegenmorter. The bills were reported out on 3-0 votes.

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The spectacular display winds along four miles of Hines Drive in the Middle Rouge Parkway. New displays

donated by corporate sponsors and new tree lighting have added sparkle to this year's event.

The lightfest is open nightly from 7 to 10 p.m. through Jan. 1, except Dec. 25. Traffic enters Hines Drive at Merriman Road in Westland and travels one way, eastbound, exiting at Warren Ave. just east of Telegraph in Dearborn Heights.

A donation of \$5 per car will help raise funds to keep the parks operating and maintained. For more information, call the Wayne County Park System at (313) 261-1990.

Lifesaving decisions

Documentary tells of need for organ donors

BY MARY RODRIQUE
STAFF WRITER

What do U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, the Rev. Jim Holley and radio personality Dick Purtan have in common?

The trio has independently made the same lifesaving decision — to be organ donors. All three also appear in a new video documentary, "Legacy, the Gift of Life."

The 27-minute film produced by Bob Senglaub, a kidney recipient, is a film that brings the subject of donation out of the hospital and into the living room.

Donor families, recipients, doctors and people waiting for organs share their stories. The message is simple: donation is a wonderful legacy, but you must discuss your wishes with family members.

Shortly after completing the

film, Senglaub died of a heart attack. The Gift of Life agency has picked up where he left off and is making the film available to groups and individuals wanting more information free of charge.

Michael Cosgriff of Farmington Hills knows too well the importance of organ donation. He is one of more than 32,000 people across the country currently waiting for a transplant. In Michigan that translates to about 1,500 people waiting for a vital organ.

"Four years ago I had a bad heart attack," said Cosgriff, who is 53 and totally disabled. "Doctors hoped that eventually part of my heart's functioning would come back, but it didn't. My heart is only 18 percent functional."

That means stairs are too much work; everyday chores are too taxing.

"I'm always short of breath and my stamina is very limited," he said.

After 29 years as a homemaker, Cosgriff's wife had to go back to school and re-enter the workforce. "It's rough," he said. "We have a daughter, she's going to Eastern (Michigan University) majoring in speech pathology. She's doing real well."

Cosgriff has been on the waiting list for a donor heart for 32 months now.

"I probably would have had one by now, but my antibodies are extremely high. We have to get the numbers down before I can get a new heart," he said. "Otherwise I might not make it off the table."

"I'm on an experimental drug and doing OK. You get up, you do the best you can. I take it one day at a time. I'm always glad to see the sun. It means I've made it for another day."

Every year, 2,000 people on the national waiting list die because no organ is available. In Michigan, several die each month while waiting. Filmmaker Senglaub wanted to do what he could to help the number of organ transplants rise.

"Studies consistently show that a great majority of the population favor organ donation and would want their organs donated," said Tom Beyersdorf, executive director of the Gift of Life Agency of Michigan.

"The problem is they don't tell family members, who at the time of death are asked to make that decision. Legacy encourages family members to sit down with family and say 'I want to be an organ donor.'"

Copies of Legacy: The Gift of Life can be ordered by calling the Gift of Life Agency of Michigan at (800) 482-4881.

Proposal A reflects national trend

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Michigan's 1994 school finance reform was part of a broader national trend away from local to state funding, a University of Michigan economist said.

"The trend is away from the property tax to anything and everything else," added Paul Courant, U-M professor, at last week's annual seminar on quantitative economics.

"It was especially interesting because there is an enormously strong tradition of local finance and local decision in Michigan," Courant said.

"As an economist, I believe he who pays the piper calls the tune," he said, predicting stronger state supervision of public K-12 education.

Before the Proposal A changes

approved last March by voters, Michigan ranked third (behind New Hampshire and Oregon) in the percentage of school funding that came from the local level. "It was in the top handful of states in property taxes per \$1,000 of personal disposable income," he added.

Proposal A, a constitutional amendment and a package of legislative bills, drastically cut locally levied property taxes for school operations from a statewide average of 34 mills to 6 mills on residences and 18 on non-residential property.

Voters replaced the \$7 billion in lost revenue with a two-cents increase (to six cents) in the sales tax, a tripling of the cigarette tax (to 75 cents a pack) and other non-income taxes.

Effects of the massive school

finance reform, Courant said, were:

■ A "small potatoes" change toward regressivity in the overall tax package. The sales tax will be less stable as a revenue source than the property tax used to be.

■ A hefty revenue increase for poorer school districts, which will be brought up to \$5,000 per pupil.

■ Little change for districts spending \$5,500 to \$6,500 per pupil.

■ Downward pressure on districts — largely in the southern Oakland suburbs — spending more than \$6,500 per pupil. They must vote local tax increases if they wish to preserve their spending differentials.

■ Little help for Detroit schools. State treasurer Douglas Roberts noted the reform of operations funding didn't stop Detroit voters

from voting a \$1.5 billion capital improvement bond issue on Nov. 8.

Asked if the massive effort to equalize per-pupil funding will result in equalizing of student outcomes, Courant said the answer is "very unclear" because little correlation has been found between high spending and high student outcomes.

Courant, a Princeton University Ph.D. who has lived 10 years in Michigan, called the new "charter" school system "a wild card" in its impact on schooling but of little significance fiscally.

Charter schools may appear cheaper, he said, "because they can hire teachers without a whole lot of seniority. They're not cream-skimming, but they do have students with high motivation and strong parental input."

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Like most refrigerators ours has things stuck on the outside. The eclectic mix of magnets holds up school work, spelling lists, lunch menus, chore charts, drawings, paintings, and leaf and cottonball art. And on the inside, like most refrigerators, perishables are stored. And the occasional piece of clothing with bubble gum stuck on it. (It helps to freeze the mess before scraping it off.)

Now I'm about to divulge some refrigerator information which is very personal and more than likely quite damaging. It's about what else is inside. I'm going way out on a limb here by telling you this. But here goes.

Up until Saturday afternoon my refrigerator had several grams of Cajase stored in it. That's right, Cajase. It pains me and shames me to admit it to you. Years ago I never thought this could happen. I was just not the type to be caught up in such a thing. But you know what? It's just like they say on TV, one thing led to another and before I knew it, boom, I was in it, up to my eyebrows. And to break away is tough.

If my dear mother knew about my possession of Cajase it would tear her apart. Actually, when I think of it, during her visits these past few months she probably saw it in there, in my refrigerator, and just couldn't bring herself to believe her own daughter was capable of such a thing. As for my husband and children, they just look the other way. They don't want anything to

See FAMILY ROOM, 14A

Crafters find niche as promoters

Sue Smith works with wood; Molly Pemberton makes spice wreaths. But together, they are the driving force behind Handcrafters Inc., a series of fall shows that showcase the talents of crafters from far and near.

BY BARBARA WILSON
STAFF WRITER

Craft shows have been around forever but really soared in popularity alongside the country decor rush.

Now that fewer ducks and calicos are used in decorating, craft shows seem to appeal to a broader audience of discriminating shoppers who appreciate the quality and singleness of an item crafted by hand.

Canton Township residents Sue Smith and Molly Pemberton have been riding this wave of craft show popularity from the beginning. They met about 20 years ago, two artisans working side by side in their own craft booths at weekend shows. Pemberton works with wood, and Smith makes spice wreaths.

The ensuing friendship has taken them through a series of business relationships bringing them to this point as the area's best-known craft show promoters.

Pemberton and Smith are Handcrafters Inc., promoters of popular craft shows in Northville, Mount Clemens and Taylor. Handcrafters started out about 12 years ago as part of a co-op of 17 craftspeople selling their goods at a Northville shop.

"As a group we started doing the Northville craft shows, and we eventually outgrew the business," Smith said. The two women preferred the shows to the shop so they parted un-



JIM JAGFIELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Crafty decision: Canton Township residents Sue Smith (left) and Molly Pemberton are the driving force behind Handcrafters Inc., a series of fall shows that showcase the talents of crafters.

der friendly circumstances with other members of the co-op and maintained the Handcrafters name. Promoting

As promoters of six area shows they provide advertising, arrange the location, send out applications to crafters, jury the works, arrange spaces, arrange catering and basically run the show.

"We still exhibit (our crafts) so we know what we like as crafters," Pemberton said. "We treat them well and try to make things easier

for them. So many times at shows they aren't treated with respect, but we do respect them and their work."

This is their eighth year as promoters, and the shows they do each year are well-received. They only do fall and winter shows, and they like to get one show really going before they start another one.

"We think of Northville as our home and that's the biggest in terms of attendance," Smith said. "It's where we started, and we know the setup well. We would like to add an-

other show in another city, but everything has to be just right."

Setting up and arranging a show can be difficult work. They keep a current mailing list of crafters in and out of the state and send out applications for the individual shows.

Smith and Pemberton have to review hundreds of applications and photos of crafts and narrow them down to just 65, in the case of Northville, who are actually invited

See CRAFTERS, 14A

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

LOCAL EVENTS

ARTS AND CRAFTS

The City of Plymouth will host the 22nd annual Christmas Arts and Crafts show. The show will be held Friday through Sunday, Dec. 2-4. Both shows will be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Show times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information, 455-6623.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Crafts from around the world, bake sale, Douglas Fir wreaths, cedar roping and holly, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. Information, 453-0190.

TOY COLLECTION

Mel's Golden Razor, 595 Forest Ave. in Plymouth, is having its 17th annual toy collection for needy and handicapped children. Drop off your new or used toys from Nov. 25-Dec. 17.

FLOWER SALE

The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees will be selling Christmas wreaths; cedar roping; and poinsettias, in red, white, pink and peach. Prices range from \$4 to \$32. Proceeds go to Christmas food baskets. Jaycee hot line, 453-8407.

AUCTION

Nativity Greek Church's 3rd Annual auction will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at 39851 Five Mile Road, in Plymouth. Hors d'oeuvres, spirits, lots of gifts, evening of fun. 420-0131.

GOODFELLOWS PAPERS

The Goodfellows will be selling the special Goodfellows Edition of the newspaper on Saturday, Dec. 3. Community contributions will enable them to attain the goal of "No Kiddie Without A Christmas."

COMMUNITY CHORUS

The 145-voice Plymouth Community Chorus is presenting its Christmas concert 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 1-3, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon in Plymouth Township. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students. Information, 455-4080.

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents "A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tale" at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3 and 4, at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon (at Junction). Tickets are \$3, adults; \$2, children. Reservations, 416-4ART; or at the door.

HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Schoelcraft College Community Choir, under the direction of Donald

Stromberg, will present its annual holiday concert, Echoes of Christmas, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Tickets are available at the door. Donations will be accepted during intermission. Information, 462-4448.

CRAFT SHOW

The Central Middle School Christmas craft show will be held 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3-4, at 650 Church (at Main) in Plymouth. Admission is \$1. For exhibitor information, (810) 792-4563.

SING-ALONG

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will host the "Plymouth Families Sing Christmas" at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, in Kellogg Park. Enjoy a warm, old-fashioned Christmas sing-along, and Christmas tree dedication with your family. Hot cider will be available to warm your spirits, while you sing your favorite yuletide carols with the help of Salvation Army musicians. Everyone who comes will receive a candle. The Christmas tree decorating will be on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3.

BOWLING

The Plymouth-Salem Environmental Open, 9-Pin No Tap Tournaments will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Superbowl, 45100 Ford Road in Canton. \$6 per person. Check-in is at 1:30 p.m. Proceeds will purchase historical trees to be planted at Plymouth-Salem High School.

ADOPT-A-TREE

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will be taking reservations for the annual Adopt-A-Tree program. The cost is \$35 and includes 200 white lights, and the group or company name on the sign. Decoration days will be Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3, with the dedication held Sunday, Dec. 4, with a candlelight sing-along and hot cider. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Trees will be assigned at random.

CRAFT SHOW

St. Thomas A' Becket's annual craft show will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Hourly raffles. Lunches available. Bake sale. More than 75 crafters. Wheelchair accessible. Strollers welcome. Admission is \$1, seniors 50 cents, 12 years and under free.

CHRISTMAS KIT

A free class will show you how to use the Christmas kit, "God is so Great," 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, in Plymouth. Share the meaning of Christmas with children in your church, at your family

The Nutcracker



Local performers: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company will perform "The Nutcracker" Ballet at Plymouth Salem High School on Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 10-11 at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are \$14 for adults and \$8 for students. For more information, call the Plymouth Symphony at 451-2112.

gathering or at a neighborhood birthday party for Jesus. Information and to reserve your kit (\$4.50), call Lita, 453-2357. Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, in Plymouth.

BASKETS OF LOVE

The Salvation Army is looking for food donations for the annual "Baskets Full of Love" food drive. If you would like to be a part of the campaign, call 453-5464 for posters and boxes that can be displayed at your business, school, or organization. Deliver your donation to the food pantry from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The following is a list of food that is needed: canned goods — tuna, beef stew, chili with beans, potatoes, spaghetti/ravioli, chunky soup. Other needed items: peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti/macaroni noodles, spaghetti sauce, cereal, rice, instant potatoes, crackers, oatmeal.

HOLIDAY CARDS

Michigan Cancer Foundation holiday greeting cards are on sale at 744 Wing St., Plymouth. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They offer eight attractive designs and a "Michigan 1995" calendar featuring 12 scenic, full-color photos of the state.

RAFFLE

The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth is conducting its second annual \$1,000 a month raffle. Ticket cost is \$100. This entitles you to a chance at a drawing for \$1,000 each month of 1995. If you are a winner your ticket is placed back in for future drawings. It is possible it could be drawn again for another \$1,000. Information, 453-7091.

THRIFT SHOP

The Presbyterian Women Thrift Shop will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, and is accepting men's, women's and children's used clothing for resale (also small appliances). The profit goes to mission work. 459-1250.

COED VOLLEYBALL

Plymouth Parks and Recreation coed volleyball registration is under way. Teams are allowed as many non-residents as they wish. A resident is any player who lives or works full time in the city of Plymouth or Canton Township. There is a limit of 16 teams for the league. \$250 plus \$15 per non-resident player. 455-6620.

HAYRIDES

Maybury State Park at Eight Mile and Beck roads

offers horse-drawn hayrides 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and 2-4 p.m. Wednesdays at the park's Living Farm. There is no charge for the events. Cost to enter the park is \$4 for a daily permit and \$18 for an annual permit.

COUNTRY/WESTERN DANCE

Seniors' line dance lessons will be 1-2:30 p.m. every Thursday through June 1995 at the Plymouth Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. Everyone welcome. \$4 per class.

HOLIDAY PLANT SALE

The Community Literacy Council is offering holiday plants for decorating a banquet room, lobby, or office for the holidays. Contact the Community Literacy Council to order and get pricing information on holiday plants. Poinsettias and cyclamens in many colors and sizes are available for order. 416-4900.

ART SALE

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Art Rental Gallery is having a "Sell It So We Don't Have to Move It" sale. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The Plymouth Symphony

League is offering an Entertainment book for sale to help fund the league. Each book contains two-for-one discounts on dining, fast food, movies, sports activities, and much more. To order, call 453-3016.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

'95 books are on sale by the Plymouth Optimist Club. 100 percent of proceeds will be used for children's causes throughout southeast Michigan. Entertainment books offer up to 50-percent savings on dining, movies, special events, theater, travel, car washes and more. Price is \$40. Home-delivered. Call Ken Fisher at 728-7619 or Bill Von Glahn at 453-8253.

CHILDREN'S SUPPORT

Community Hospice Services is offering a free Children's Grief Support Series. To register, call Vicki DesJardins or Joan Johnson at 522-4224.

FOURTH OF JULY

The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees are already planning the 1995 Fourth of July parade. They are looking for more musical entries, more floats, marching units, etc. Any support would be appreciated. Call Fred, (313) 453-8407.

CLOTHING BANK

The Plymouth-Canton schools' clothing bank will be open Tuesdays only. Hours are 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. during the school year. To make an appointment or for more information, call 416-6179 during open hours. The bank accepts donations of clothing in good condition during open hours.

PLAYSCAPE PROJECT

Volunteers are needed to organize the various committees involved in the building of a wood play structure in Plymouth Township Park next spring. 454-9614 or 454-4829.

CLUBS

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS

The Plymouth Newcomers December open house will be held 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1. Any Plymouth resident who is interested in the Plymouth Newcomers Club and would like to attend this holiday event should call Kathy at 455-8336 or Bev at 454-3663.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will have its annual Christmas party 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at the First Methodist Church of Plymouth. The program will be "Christmas Nostalgia Through Storytelling" by Mrs. Dinghy Sharp. Bring mittens, scarves and canned goods.

SENIORS

The City of Plymouth Holiday Lights Tour for Seniors will be held Friday,

Dec. 2, \$38 per person. They will depart at 11:45 and return at 9 p.m. Two-hour tour of Ann Arbor includes: Kerrytown Town Concert Hall, Mormon Church, Holiday Crech's Dinner at Pizzano's with choice of three different meals. Tour of Ypailanti Lights, Dominos Farms Lights, Festival of Trees, Wayne County Lights and local touring. Information, 455-6623.

60 PLUS

The 60 plus club will meet noon, Monday, Dec. 5, at The First United Methodist Church. Catered lunch, price to be announced. Program will follow.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN SENIORS

The 50-Up Club's annual Christmas party will be held 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at LeRight's on Wayne Road. Buffet dinner and entertainment. Guests are welcome. Information, Betty Gruchala, 459-4091, or Virginia Graller, 453-5979.

SPECIAL EVENTS

KIDS ONLY

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department offers a Christmas "Kids Only" workshop Dec. 9-10. Kids will have many creating stations for fine art gifts of ceramics, wood cuts, stationary, sand paintings, print making, edible art and much more. All classes will be run by D & M Art Studio. Sessions will be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth MI 48170. Information, 453-3710.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Learn how to legally appoint a patient advocate who can make your medical decisions when you are unable to do so at a session from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at Oakwood Canton Health Center. Cost is \$10. Information, 593-4660.

MALL WALKERS

Twelve Oaks Mall is open for walkers 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday and at 10 a.m. Sunday. (810) 348-9438.

OPEN ICE SKATING

The Plymouth Cultural Ice Arena, at 525 Farmer in Plymouth, has open skating: Mondays — 8:40-9:40 a.m., noon to 1:20 p.m., 7-8 p.m.; Tuesdays — 9-11:30 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m.; Wednesdays — 8:30-10 a.m., 11:20 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.; Thursdays — 8:40-11:40 a.m., 1-2:40 p.m., 4-5:20 p.m.; Fridays — 9-11:40 a.m., 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., 7-8 p.m.; Sunday — noon to 1:20 p.m., 1:30-2:50 p.m. Fees for city residents are \$2.75, adults; \$2, children; \$1.50, seniors. For non-residents — \$3.25, adults; \$2.50, children; \$2, seniors. Skate rental is \$1.25. Open Skate Line, 455-1782.

CALENDAR

The Plymouth and Canton Observers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 744 Wing, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 313-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional info:

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To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material printed or typewritten to: Bridget Moran, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 744 Wing St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

ARNE GARDNER of Canton, a senior in the industrial design program in the University of Michigan's School of Art, recently designed a colorful yet substantial shoe for rock climbing and hiking. Campus entered Arne's international competition, and came away with the top cash prize, a well-paid summer internship at the firm's Design Center in Portland, Ore., and a good chance for a position

with the company after graduation in the spring of 1995. Arne's winning entry was the result of his work in his individualized studios during U-M's winter 1994 term with professor Alfredo Montalvo.

MATTHEW MYHRUM, of Plymouth, is attending Harleton College, the University of Evansville's British campus in Grantham, England. Myhrum, a sophomore at UE majoring in theater design, is the son of Carol and Bonnie Myhrum of Plymouth. Harleton College offers a wide range of courses to enable students to satisfy the majority of UE's general education requirements. Many of the courses focus upon British and Euro-

pean studies, permitting a comparison of the American and English lifestyles. The centerpiece of the curriculum is a six-semester hour course offering an interdisciplinary introduction to British life and culture. The University of Evansville is an independent, liberal arts and sciences, United Methodist-related institution in southern Indiana.

WELLY QUICK, an Albion College junior, coordinated the annual Special Olympics Training Day held at Albion College. Quick, a 1993 graduate of Canton High School and an anthropology and sociology major, is the daughter of Donald and Janice Quick.

GRANT GARDNER, an Albion College freshman, has joined the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Service. The Ford Institute is designed to give exceptional students — regardless of their major — a chance to broaden their education through concentrated study in areas of government and public service. Gardner, a 1994 graduate of Canton High School, is the son of Mrs. William Barringer of Canton.

BERNICE WILSON of Plymouth Salem High School, in Canton, was one of 86 high school students to attend a special fall visitation day at Albion College.

ENGAGEMENTS

Kitchen-Robertson

Richard and Kathy Kitchen announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Mary, to Michael James Robertson, the son of James and Bonnie Robertson.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Edsel Ford in Dearborn and Eastern Michigan University, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and secondary education. She is employed as a teacher of adolescents at the Carlyle Center for Mental Health in Warren.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Eastern Michigan University, where he received a bachelor of science degree in computer aided



design. He is employed as a software engineer at Autodesk in Novi.

Edwards-Christensen

Lynn and Alice Edwards of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth A. to David J. Christensen, the son of Mark and Myrna Christensen of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Brigham Young University. She is employed in the automotive industry.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Redford Union High School and is attending Eastern Michigan University where he is studying computer aided design.

A December wedding in Toronto, Ont., Canada, is planned.



They will make their home in Westland.

Parker-Yaske

Carolyn and James Parker of Flushing announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary K., to Donald E. Yaske Jr., the son of Marilyn and Donald Yaske Sr. of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is attending Lawrence Technological University and works at Travelers Insurance Co.

Her fiancé is a University of Michigan-Dearborn graduate and works for Kopchick and Co.

A May wedding is planned at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington.



Writer forms friendships carefully



LORENE GREEN

Dear Lorene:
For years I've read your column but have never taken time to do this. So finally I made myself sit down to write you. I've always been interested to see what my handwriting tells.

I'm 42 years old. I'm married with two children; a son, 17, and a daughter, 16. My husband is a firefighter. I've been a hairdresser for 20 years, and now I'm starting to change my career. I'm working in the public school with special education.

For the past three years I've taken classes for sign language and finally am able to use it with these special education people.

I'm also involved with the prison ministry with my church. It involves singing for the prisoners. I'm curious to see what you have to say about my handwriting.

Thank you for reading.
P.M.,
Livonia

A very special young woman begins to move into focus in today's left-slanted handwriting. This slant was never taught in Ameri-

can schools. From this fact we know it is a change that she consciously made. So we must consider the reasons for doing it.

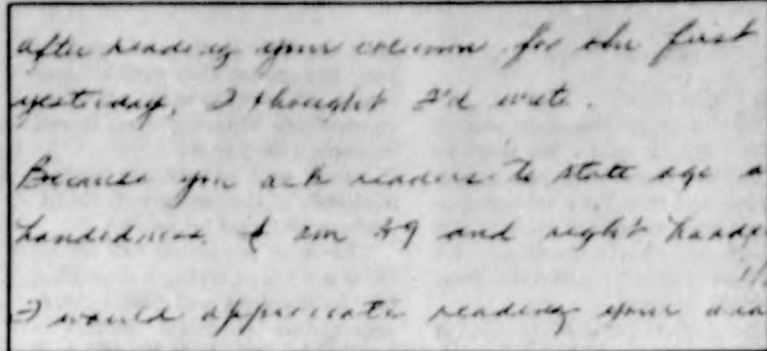
Research tells us that left-slanters have usually been raised in a strict atmosphere where much, possibly even perfection, was expected of them. When we combine this with the total picture of her handwriting, we begin to see someone who perceived some rejection as she was growing up. Outwardly she learned to control her emotions and may appear reserved to others. Inside, however, there is emotional activity at work, I believe.

Our writer forms friendships carefully because she has been hurt in the past. She seeks approval from her relationships to compensate for this deprivation. Once a friendship develops she can be loyal and devoted. At times, however, she may feel a little jealous of outside friendships.

Having been exposed to considerable criticism our writer is quite sensitive to criticism of a personal nature. She may even expect it when none is intended. Compliments would be music to her ears, especially from a certain male.

There is worry and some mood fluctuation in this handwriting. At times she is friendlier than at other times. This can be confusing to those who do not know what she may be experiencing.

Ostensibly, she lives with am-



She does not want to be held back by past roots. Often she has an inner struggle between reaching out to others and taking care of her own needs. This contradiction can cause indecision for her.

Her desire to move into the world and be helpful is confirmed in many ways (both from the letter and in her handwriting) where she reaches out with love and caring. This can also bring needed benefits by way of approval and appreciation. Someone once said, "The scent always remains on the hand that gives the rose."

To her credit, she has overcome a great deal, but her ego still can use a little positive reinforcement.

Our writer has a good mind that is constantly probing for answers. She is inclined to investigate and analyze to find answers for herself. Then she decides what she can accept and what she cannot.

She has been exposed to some of the finer things in life.

If you are a regular reader of my column you know of my love of humor. It can be an asset in keeping one's perspective. I am pleased to see the humor in this handwriting sample. I know it can ingratiate her to others. Readers Digest says that "Laughter is the best medicine." I agree, don't you? Here's one with both humor and wisdom. "The cat and what you give away always come back to you."

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper write to Lorene C. Green, certified graphologist at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, signature and handedness are all helpful. Feedback is always welcomed.

NEW VOICES

CHRIS and WILLIAM MARSHALL of Westland announce the birth of **WILLIAM ALAN JR.** Oct. 1 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Gil and Mary Burczyk of Westland, and Carl and Frieda Marshall of Warren.

MR. and MRS. JOHN R. MONS of Westland announce the birth of **ROBERT MERRILL II** Oct. 5 at Providence Hospital. He was named after his late great-grandfather. He has a brother, Keith. His grandparents are the

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Clapp of Livonia, and Mrs. and Mrs. John S. Mons of Westland.

KEN and LORI BESSINGER of Canton announce the birth of **LINDSEY NICOLE** Nov. 10 at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital in Garden City. She has a brother, Kevin Richard, 5, and sister, Andrea Marie, 2½. Grandparents are Howard and Carole Yeskie of Canton and Frances and Darlys Bessinger of Au Gres, Mich. Great-grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Nelson Kennedy of

Sterling, Mich.

SCOTT and DENISE CONRAD of Novi announce the birth of **MEGHAN ELIZABETH** Oct. 14 at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. Grandparents are Tony and Sharon Conrad of Livonia, and Dennis and Gayle Korfonta of Canton.

JOHN and KELLY SCHNOES of Livonia announce the birth of **DAVID JOHN** Sept. 5 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He has a brother, Matthew, 2. Grandparents are David and

Sherrill Striker of Plymouth and Edward and Judith Schnoes of Canton. Great-grandparents are Robert and Arline Smith of Clinton and Betty Collins of St. Clair Shores.

DOUG and MAUREEN SYTSMA of Canton announce the birth of **COLIN DOUGLAS SYTSMA** at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, in Ann Arbor. He has two sisters, Shannon and Nicole. Grandparents are Bob and Betty Morrison of St. Clair Shores and Marge Sytsma of Grand Rapids.

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to participate.

The right mix

"We try to get the right mix of crafts," Smith said. "We want to make sure the crafter has a nice display and that they are going to have ample supply of their crafts to sell during the weekend. We don't want it to look like the same show all the time."

The crafters pay a fee to display their work, but unlike some promoters, Pemberton and Smith do not receive commission from sales.

"Crafters don't like that," Pemberton said. "They worked

hard on their items and want to keep the money they make." And Smith added that most are more comfortable knowing what it will cost when they go in.

Lunch and snacks are always available at the shows and Handcrafters sets that up as well.

The days preceding the actual show are spent laying a floor plan for the displays and making sure appropriate electrical service is available to the individual booths.

"Everytime we're on our hands and knees putting tape down (to mark the displays) we ask ourselves if it's worth it," Smith said.

Apparently it is.

The weekend of the event, Smith and Pemberton don't step off the premises of the show. They are there to handle emergencies and make sure things run smoothly, rarely finding an opportunity to sit down or eat.

When they aren't promoting their own show, Smith and Pemberton still exhibit their own crafts, and Smith volunteers as organizer for the Westland Lutheran High School craft show each year.

"It's a lot of work, but our families always come first because we are free to set our own schedules

for the most part," Smith said.

The two enjoy buying many of the crafts they see each week and watching the trends they see in the industry.

The emphasis, Smith said, has moved from country to really fine arts, like painting. There are still some people specializing in very specific country-style crafts, but they aren't as popular. Smith also said more men are interested in looking at the displays and even pick special things out as gifts for their wives.

Homecrafters Inc.'s next show will be Dec. 9-11 in Northville.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Information for the Crafts Calendar may be sent to Sue Mason, The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Friday, Dec. 2

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Annual Christmas craft sale will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 2-3 at the Canton Historical Museum, Canton Center and Proctor roads, south of Cherry Hill Road. There will be holiday decorations and gifts made by society members, baked goods and raffle of a quilt and Afghan. No strollers allowed. (313) 397-0088

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND
"A Christmas Wonderland" arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 2-3 at the high school, 33300 Cowan Road, east of Wayne Road, Westland. There will be more than 100 crafters and a bake sale. Lunches will be available. Admission is \$1.50.

Saturday, Dec. 3

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL
Holiday bazaar 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, between Ann Arbor Trail and Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Featured will be handcrafted items and crafts from around the world, fresh cedar roping, wreaths and holly, bake sale and luncheon sale. (313) 453-0190

LATHROP SCHOOL
23rd annual Christmas boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school, 28351 Marquette, Garden City. There will be more than 80 crafters. Admission \$1; senior citizens and children under age 12 free. (313) 427-5756

FAYE LUTHERAN
Holiday craft show/coffee with 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church, 30000 Free Lake Road, Livonia. (313) 532-8728 before 9 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, between Ann Arbor Trail and Ann Arbor Road. There will be a bake sale, raffle, luncheon sale and greens sale. Crafters needed — table space available, \$35, or \$45 with electricity. (313) 453-0190

ST. KEVIN AND HOBBS
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the St. Kevin Social Hall, 30053 Parkwood at Henry Ruff, Inkster. Marge, (313) 728-2470 or (313) 728-6228.

Saturday, Dec. 10

WAYNE-WESTLAND YMCA
9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the YMCA, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. (313) 721-7044

BOONSHAW BUILD
Artists' and Artisans' 20th annual holiday art fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 10 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 11 at Oakland Community College on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. There will be more than 130 juried crafters. Admission \$3. (313) 662-3382.

Sunday, Dec. 11

ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL
Arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the school, 31500 Beechwood, north of Ford Road on Memman, Garden City. Crafters needed. Table space is \$15. (313) 425-9771

Family Room from page 11A

do with Cajase — that's CAJASE. — Crumbs and Junk Accumulated Since Easter. Handy acronym — Cajase.

Anyway, like I said, my refrigerator had several grams of this Cajase in it until Saturday afternoon. That would be the Saturday just before Thanksgiving. You see, the last time I really cleaned the refrigerator out was just before that other big eating holiday, Easter. Eating holidays — that's when relatives come to my house and invariably look in various food storage areas and then judge my worth as a human being. And now with relatives due to arrive again in mere days, it was time for the pre-Thanksgiving cleaning.

This monstrous job of cleaning the refrigerator was begun and finished in one afternoon. The children sensed I was on one of my missions. They didn't question me and they didn't whine at me. They knew better. And so away I went. I worked feverishly for nearly two hours. And I finished with a flourish. One last wipe, one last unidentifiable thing tossed, and I was done. And then I packed up the children and off to 5 p.m. Mass we went. And my refrigerator was clean. It all seemed so fitting. You know that old saying, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

And you know that other old saying, "You are what you eat." I wonder if the inverse/reverse/transverse (whatever) of that is true. "You aren't what you don't eat." I found a fair share of what my family isn't in the refrigerator during this purging. Like empty candy wrappers. What's with that? Empty wrappers wedged between the milk shelf and the Mir-

acle Whip. Why do my children put candy in the refrigerator in the first place? And why, oh why, don't they put wrappers which no longer serve any purpose whatsoever in the garbage can?

Also what my family isn't is leftover-for-the-third-time chili. They do not eat that. Nor do they eat coconut shreds left over from the bunny cake I made at Easter. And another thing we're not is pickle juice. Who ate the last pickle, screwed the cap on the jar, and put the jar back in the refrigerator? That's not useful or sensi-

ble. Liquefied tomatoes in the vegetable bin we're definitely not. Those are so gross. Actually those can't be considered those at this stage, they've transformed into it. As in, "Something green and sloshy is in this plastic bag down here. What is it?"

The problem is I don't like tomatoes, never have. So I buy them for the tomato eaters in my house of which there are two, and occasionally, on a whim, three. So if a schedule gets changed at the last minute and the BLT plans get

cancelled, the tomatoes targeted for that night get forgotten. And before you know it, you're left with a big green, sloshy pile of it.

But Saturday took care of everything. No more Cajase. I'm clean. For now. But it's like they say, one day at a time. One day at a time.

If you have a question or comment for Karen Meier, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a touch-tone telephone, or write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Brazelton will speak at seminar

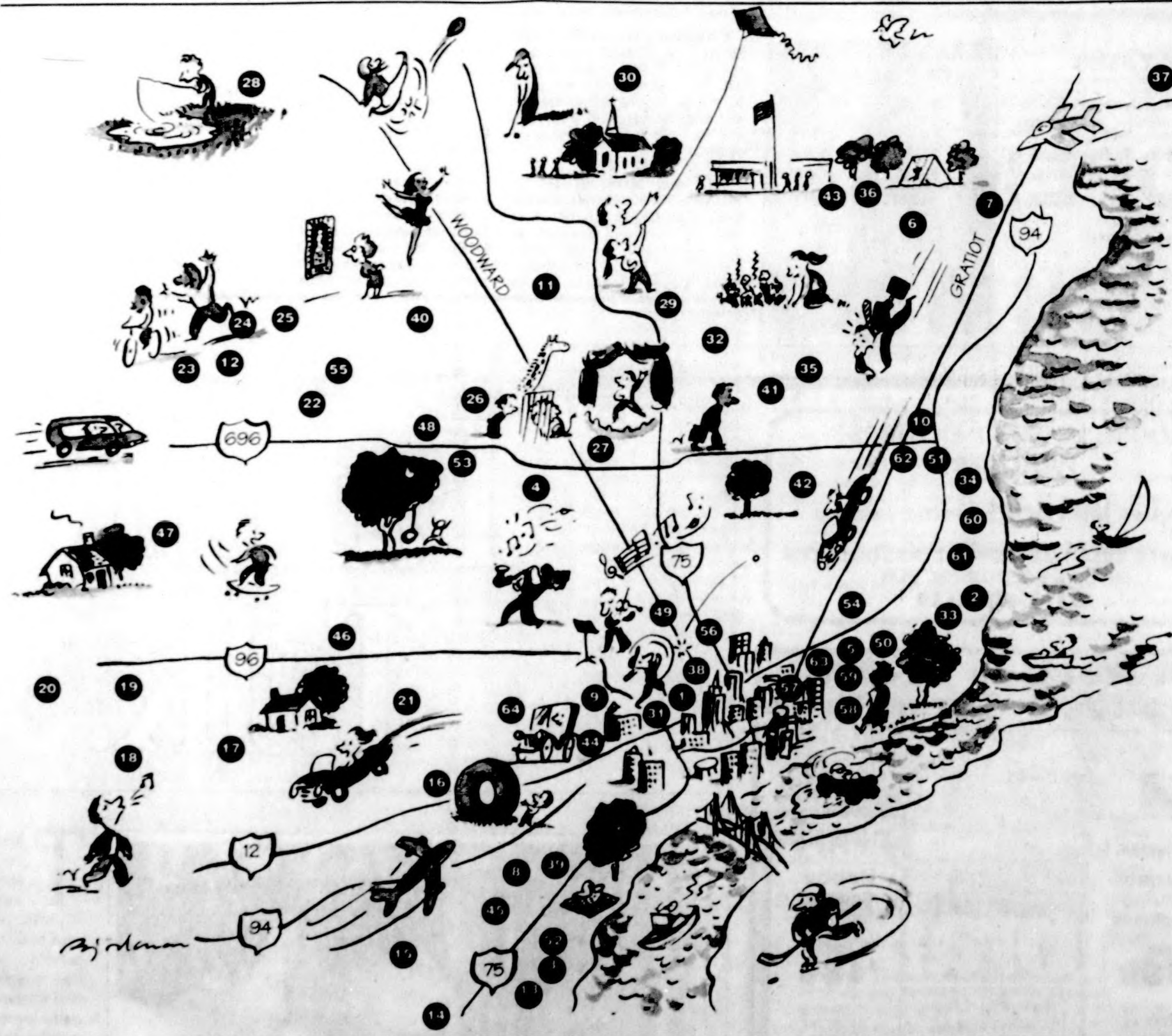
A renowned pediatrician, author, lecturer, television host and political activist will spend two days in the Detroit metropolitan area, speaking to parents and presenting a day-long workshop to pediatricians and child-care professionals next month.

Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, who has spent much of his career dispensing common sense reassurances to parents bewildered by colicky babies, tantrum-prone toddlers and warring siblings, will speak to parents, grandparents and professionals interested in contemporary parenting issues and child development at a 7-9 p.m. seminar Monday, Dec. 5, in the ballroom of the Plaza Hotel, 16400 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield.

There will be a lengthy period to answer questions from the audience, and his books and videos and "Touchpoints," reference guides for parents of young children, will be available for purchase.

Tickets for the evening program cost \$16, available at Ticketmaster outlets, Hudson's, Harmony House and Sound Warehouse or by calling (313) 648-0000 or the Merrill-Palmer Institute at (313) 873-1700.

From 7:20 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 6, Brazelton and three of his colleagues from Harvard University will present a day-long seminar, "Working with Families of Young Children," designed for health- and child-care professionals at the Townsend Hall in Southfield. Registration is \$25, and can be completed by calling Anne Goodrich at (313) 648-0000.



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The Observer, 744 Wing St., Plymouth 48170.

Preprinted forms that outline the information needed for your wedding or anniversary announcement are available at either office.

For more information, call Sue Mason in Livonia at (313) 963-2131, or Bridget Daniels in Plymouth at (313) 651-7575. For a recorded message with complete information on submitting announcements, call (313) 963-2065.

Friscione-Fisk

Charisse Marie Fisk and Brian Walter Friscione were married Sept. 3, by Rev. Jim Edwards.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fisk of Taylor, formerly of Plymouth.

The groom is the son of Mr. Zano Friscione of Fraser.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held for close friends and relatives at a restaurant in Mount Clemens.

They are making their home in Harrison Township.

WEDDINGS

Uckele-Bucht

Lisa M. Bucht and Bolton D. Uckele were married Sept. 23 at their home in Pine Grove Township (Gobles), Mich. She is the daughter of Frances Bucht of Livonia and he is the son of William Uckele of Blissfield.

The bride is a 1983 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 1987 and 1992 graduate of Michigan State University. She is a doctor of veterinary medicine in the Kalamazoo area.

The groom is a 1980 graduate of Blissfield High School and a 1987 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as a territory manager for Burns Veterinary Supply.

They are making their home in Gobles.



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Teacher contract

Schools should avert a strike

The Plymouth Canton School District and its 744 teachers are in the midst of contract negotiations, and as usual there is talk of a strike in January. The teachers were even on the picket lines at a school board meeting this week.

Let's hope there won't be a strike. The Plymouth Canton community doesn't deserve a teacher strike.

As it stands, teachers are seeking a 3-percent pay increase in a contract reopener. And according to teachers, there is a Jan. 16 strike deadline. Meanwhile, the schools have offered teachers a half-percent pay hike.

Hopefully, with enough time and negotiations the two sides can meet in the middle and avert a strike.

The district's teachers have shown they are realistic and willing to compromise. One year ago, they agreed to forgo a 3-percent raise, which allowed the school district to operate a full program. That act should not be forgotten during negotiations.

But the teachers should also not forget that school financing in our state is changing. While Proposal A ensures basic state funding for each student, it also puts school districts on a diet.

There is also another factor at work in teacher talks this year. It's legislation ap-

proved last spring after voter approval of Proposal A that makes it tougher for teachers to strike.

Actually, it has always been illegal for teachers to go out, but that has largely been ignored.

Under terms of a new state law that takes effect April 1, striking teachers can be docked a day's pay for every day they strike. In addition, the union can be fined \$5,000 per day. In the event of a lockout, individual school board members can be fined \$250 per day and the district cannot pick up the cost.

Both the teachers and the school board will face that sledgehammer legislation, unless they can resolve their issues before April 1.

At issue are wage reopeners for this year and next, the 1995-1996 school calendar, and contract language concerning school improvement plans and site-based decision making.

A mediator met for the second time Tuesday with negotiators for the union and the school board; however, little progress was made.

The strike deadline is more than six weeks away. That means there is plenty of time for both sides to come to an agreement. Let's just hope that cool heads prevail and a strike is averted.



LETTERS

Recorded complaint

Reality Bites! What an understatement and a big disappointment in the world that we live in today. I've been going back and forth with the people in charge at our local Target store and nobody there or at the headquarters in Minneapolis seems to care. I keep thinking of the old saying "one person can make a difference." I owe it to myself as a human being, my three children and our community.

On Nov. 15, while shopping at our local Target store I was appalled at what I heard on their promotional video tape playing overhead in the video/book department. It was advertising the soundtrack from the movie Reality Bites. The name of the song is Spin the Bottle and in it the four letter "F" word is used. I went to the front of the store and asked to see the manager. The young lady listened, said that she was a supervisor and would let someone know. She brushed me off.

I called the store's district headquarters. They were understanding and said they would get in touch with the people in charge of distributing the promotional tape. They explained that they could pull any video, book, CD or cassette tape that was found to be offensive from the store's shelf but didn't have the authority to stop the promotional tape being played in the store.

With the Christmas shopping season here, more people will be hearing this tape. I don't think this is a positive type of image or example Target wants to project in our community.

One man even argued with me that the "F" word wasn't used in the song. When I told him that I had the written words from the pamphlet that is included with a purchase of the soundtrack, he then stated that on the tape he reviewed it was bleeped out. This statement leads me to conclude that he didn't actually even review the promotional tape. He explained that the promotional videos are cut from the one master tape and maybe the tape at my local store somehow slipped through. I informed him that the same cut, complete with "F" word and all, was also being played at other local Target stores.

He promised that another tape would be cut with the "F" word bleeped out and sent to my local Target store.

I'm very disappointed that a reputable corporation would allow such a tape to continue playing in their stores even after this matter was brought to their attention.

Sheryl L. Wethington, Canton

Well covered

Thanks! We would like to thank you for your coverage of the Plymouth Canton soccer team.

To the entire community we say thank you. Whether you were the bus driver driving us to our next game, one of our cross campus rivals helping to cheer us on, or the pizzerias who donated pizzas and made our victory party a success, we are grateful.

The invitation from the Canton Soccer Club to participate in their trophy ceremony was great, even more so the signing of autographs is something these young men will not soon forget. As a team we know our parents and dedicated fans will be there, but it was truly heart warming to have the entire community come together and share in our final championship. This can only emphasize to these young athletes and coaches to continue their efforts and the importance of a job well done.

Don Smith and Jeff Neschich, coaches

Driving complaint

I just wanted to "thank" the lady who ran the red light at Wayne and Palmer on Friday, Sept. 28. Thanks to you, my husband, who is already in a wheelchair, has whiplash and many bruises and pains. He also has no van to drive and because it was fully equipped with lift hand controls, etc., it will take months to fix.

Thanks to you, you have ruined my anniversary, our Christmas shopping together for our kids, our excursions that families do at the holiday time. Not only that but you almost killed my dog who has been part of our family for 8 years and means a much to us as one of our children.

Thank God for the EMS guys who were at the right place at the right time. If it hadn't been for them just happening to be there and the quick thinking they had, I'd be at a funeral right now. Also, I hope in the future you will pay attention to your driving or get off the road.

Sherry L. Creech, Canton

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Help First Step continue work

The spirit of giving comes on strong during the holiday season, when people make an effort to share with those less fortunate.

Many such deserving local organizations are asking for help. They are organizations that feed, clothe and in general help people who can't help themselves.

This year, one local organization that needs some immediate help is First Step, the only domestic-violence and sexual-assault program to serve western Wayne County.

First Step is facing its largest funding gap - \$200,000 - in its history.

Domestic violence has been in the nation's consciousness this year because of news coverage of the Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman murders and the trial of O.J. Simpson.

Thousands of local victims in Observerland have received the message that domestic violence is a crime and that help is available.

According to First Step Executive Director Judy Ellis, "survivors are now reaching out for help in record numbers."

Ellis reports that in 1994, First Step provided 12,798 nights of shelter to women and children fleeing violent homes. That's a 31-percent increase over the previous year. The number of non-residential families assisted also increased over the previous year by 24 percent. First Step advocates provided 3,500 more counseling hours than last year, a 22 percent increase. Crisis calls, often the first contact that clients have with First Step, are averaging 530 calls per month, says Ellis.

In addition, since the summer of 1993, First Step has started two new programs - a non-residential children's program which provides age-appropriate support groups to children living in violent homes and is the only such

program in Michigan. In August 1993, First Step launched a 36-week program for men who batter, one of the most comprehensive batterers' programs available.

Ellis says First Step has "stretched donation dollars to the maximum limit to keep the 24-hour line operating, maintain the 42-bed shelter and to keep counseling and support group services available free of charge.

"We utilize volunteers to their fullest potential," says Ellis.

"Last year, volunteers contributed the most time in First Step history - over 22,000 hours, the equivalent of 12 additional full-time staff. This year we have 15 student interns at the undergraduate and graduate levels from area colleges and universities. Interns provide crucial counseling and group services, perform intakes, work the crisis lines and help manage the shelter," adds Ellis.

But it's not enough to compensate for a \$200,000 budget gap because of recent reductions in state and federal funds and increased costs.

Public support is critical. If First Step can't replace the funds, it will be faced with eliminating programs or turning people away.

A donation - in any amount will make a difference. Your help will keep open shelter doors, put linens and blankets on the beds, purchase meals and stuffed animals to comfort children.

If you are able, put First Step on your holiday list. Any donation amount will be appreciated. Send your donation to First Step, 44978 Ford Road, Suite C, Canton, Mich. 48187.

Domestic violence has existed a lot longer than a year. However, First Step is here making a difference and playing a part in the drive to reduce it in western Wayne County.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Plymouth-Canton teachers have set a strike deadline. What advice would you give them?

We asked this question on Pennman in Plymouth.



"It doesn't make sense. Why should they strike?"
 Sherry White
 Plymouth



"My brother-in-law is a teacher."
 Bruce Blitts
 Plymouth



"I'm standing by the teachers."
 Peter Grybas
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"They should stay on the job."
 Rebecca Pavy
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POINTS OF VIEW

It's alive!

Christmas season hysteria on a rampage, arriving early

Yikes! Only the first week of November and there it was — a house surrounded by life-size Nutcracker soldiers.

Had they been left out from last Christmas it would seem a lesser crime that whisking them forth the day after Halloween.

What about Thanksgiving? Maybe they plan to have a live turkey penned in the front yard for a week before it is sacrificed as part of some rustic family gathering. Perhaps the home belonged to an enthusiastic patron/palant with a child who twisted for the local ballet troupe.

The last time I endured a matinee of Nutcracker, a beautiful and elaborate forest backdrop dramatically descended upside-down as the self-absorbed dancers pranced without a clue, causing a hysteria that many of us will never outgrow.

This year our family decided to give each other one of the greatest gifts of all — a break.

Fortunately, gift-giving in our family has never been ostentatious, so when it was suggested that each simplify things further within the immediate families there was a great sense of relief.

Among one another, gifts are as they should be — tokens of affection. My heart goes out to those with young children. Snickering nervously, my sister pointed out her 6-year-old son studying the Sunday paper with a crayon circling objects of desire in the pull-outs.

Our mom worked raising five daughters alone, so toys were a rarity. We truly were grateful if we got a hat and mittens that weren't unbearably ugly. I do not recall feeling envy for the kids who existed floundering in Pandora's toy box.

Those lucky children were often seriously lonely, apparently friendless except for those from whom they could bribe companionship, as their parents perhaps did with them for love, using

their many gewgaws.

How difficult it must be for my sisters to know where to draw the line when the "season for giving" turns to that of "getting."

They are not the sort who bitterly say "I did without all this and so will they."

Far more dangerous are those proclaiming "I want my child to have everything I did without." or "My child must have certain things because all their friends do."

Being like everyone else is not so hot in the long run. This reveals the cycle of discontent and poor values parents may pass on to kids so early, never resolving their own problem of equating what one has with what one is.

"Christmas is for the kids?" That's perverse and depressing. Impress upon kids to cultivate small mutual exchanges and perhaps they won't need therapy upon discovering adult life may not be one of blind entitlement.

A recent jaunt to the toy store increased my sympathy for parents. Do you have a "Mighty Morphone" addict? Insidious garbage.

There was a DEA agent kit with gun, badge and handcuffs. Among the "Master Race" of Barbie dolls was a collection of Elvis dolls which, fan or not, elevates these things to the likes of worshipping graven images.

I still like Play-doh, Slinkys, Matchbox cars and Etch-a-Sketches, an easy to please child by comparison, I suspect. Don't let your joyous anticipation be warped into financial desperation this year.

Well, gotta go — time to start making my valentines.

Dorothy Matsu is a Plymouth Township resident who regularly contributes guest columns. For more information about writing one, call Jeff Counts, the editor, at 459-2700.

GUEST COLUMNIST



DOROTHY MATSU

Our mom worked raising five daughters alone, so toys were a rarity. We truly were grateful if we got a hat and mittens that weren't unbearably ugly.

Government fees soaring while taxes are capped

It finally happened Sunday, Nov. 27. I had to pay more to park (\$4 at the State Fair Grounds) than for a ticket to the event (\$3, Oakland Kennel Club dog show).

The Fair Grounds, of course, is a state operation. Parking charge is a fee, not a tax, but it's still governmental revenue. What's doubly galling is that the site is Eight Mile and Woodward, a commercial wasteland that doesn't warrant such gouging rates.

Gov. Engler's Blue-Ribbon Commission on the Headlee Amendment recently said some harsh things about fees. That panel — chaired by free-market economist Gary Wolfman and including such GOP stalwarts as Patrick Anderson and Milford Township's Elaine Skarritt — said we voters should decide the fate of some of those fees.

Where there is a "mandatory jurisdiction-wide" fee, it said, voters should be consulted, according to the panel's interpretation of the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution.

Examples: recycling fees, 911 emergency telephone service, the 30 percent Wayne County tax on parking at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, the Detroit utility users tax, and that kind.

The blue-ribbon types did not suggest a vote on such non-mandatory governmental fees as skating rinks and college tuitions. Too bad.

It's about time somebody besides the news media woke up to the fact that governmental revenue is more than just taxes. We tried to tell Dick Headlee that in 1978 when he was selling his tax-limitation amendment.

Headlee had a clever sales pitch — so clever that I listened to it three times before I caught the subtlety of his wording. Headlee's reasoning was that governmental spending was rising far faster than the consumer price index (very true, and a very valid criticism). But then he would shift gears and say that, therefore, taxes should be limited. Headlee said nothing about two other major sources of governmental revenue: (1) federal aid and (2) fees and tuitions.



TIM RICHARD

I had to pay more to park (\$4 at the State Fair Grounds) than for a ticket to the event (\$3, Oakland Kennel Club dog show).

I doubt Headlee was being dishonest. At that time, he was a neophyte about government and naive about the ways politicians raise money. His effort

to cap taxes was fine, as far as it went, but it failed to go far enough. It ignored the problem of fees.

There are building permit fees, plumbing inspection fees, electrical inspection fees, enrollments, lab fees, registration fees, tuition fees, computer fees, fish stamps, trout stamps, small game stamps, duck stamps, big game stamps, trailer fees, boat licenses, state parks fees, waterways fees, parking fees, parking tickets, proprietary school inspection fees, incorporation fees, professional license fees, trade license fees, court filing fees, court costs, document copying fees, vehicle registration fees, driver's license fees, chauffeur's license fees . . . and 8,000 or 10,000 others.

State and local governing bodies have raised most fees far faster than the rate of consumer price inflation. The University of Michigan jacked up tuition 6.6 percent in an year when the CPI rose less than 3 percent. Wayne County courts charge \$2.25 a page for copying, and one of our less-prized police departments charges \$5 a page —

at a time when the copying fee in the local party store is 5 cents a page.

Michigan voters recognized one fee problem Nov. 8 when they approved Proposal P, to set up an endowment fund for state parks. Ten years ago, the state general fund was paying 80 percent of state park operating costs; today it's paying 20 percent. The difference was made up by raising fees.

In the late campaign, Engler boasted that, under his leadership, 11 taxes had been cut — remember? Did you hear him boast about cutting fees? Or even capping fees at the rate of inflation, like property assessments? Nope.

But let us be thankful for small improvements — Proposal P and the Blue-Ribbon Commission's realization, 16 years after the news media warned us, that it wasn't enough to put a cap on taxes. Fees are governmental revenues, too.

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

Dems need new strategies to replace shopworn ideas

Don't expect to see a whole lot coming out of the two-day lame-duck session of the Legislature this week. The real action will come next year, when Republicans add slim control of the House (56-54) to their majority in the Senate (22-16) and the governorship.

You'll hear much confident talk this week, though. Republicans will be riding on the crest of their election victory, talking about their conservative "Contract with Michigan." Democrats will insist that things weren't so bad, really, with only a one-vote swing in the House in the middle of a national GOP landslide.

Both need to look beyond the noises, and this week's session is as good a time as any to do it. Being the minority party, Democrats have the more intense need.

Their problem is not finding a charismatic candidate and better media consultants. Their problem is that they are largely out of ideas.

It has been a long, long time since G. Mennen Williams and Neil Staebler built the modern Democratic Party on a base of liberal ideology and broad citizen participation. The ideology, like most, has had its 50-year run and is now pretty shopworn. And broad citizen participation is often an unnecessary inconvenience in the eyes of a lot of party bosses.

Reconstituting the Democratic Party is going to take some time, great effort and a lot of thought.

One good place for minority lawmakers to start is to steal a useful device from the Republicans: legislative task forces. Beginning in the late-1980s, when they were a minority, GOP lawmakers created a series of task forces.

Their purpose was to propose specific policy and legislative changes for a series of high-profile policy issues. Minority status being what it is, most of their ideas were not adopted. More importantly, they represented a concrete way of acting on the conviction that political majorities are the consequence of good ideas.

Republicans, for their part, would do well to think about the rules of the political process, which they now are in a position to control.

This subject may invite more than the usual



PHIL POWER

Lansing hypocrisy. Consider, just for fun, the likely durability of GOP commitments to term limits, now that Republicans are the majority.

More important, it's time to reflect on an unintended consequence of term limits that shows up in this past election: There were more than a dozen hotly contested legislative races, each involving more than \$200,000 in money.

Where do you think the money came from to finance these races? Certainly not from grassroots contributions. It came from precisely the same business and labor interests that term limits were supposed to put in their place.

And the problem will get worse in years to come as term limit laws dislodge longtime incumbents from office, setting off more and more of these absurdly expensive elections.

The cash will be raised just as it is now: by House and Senate leaders who bundle contributions from special interests and dispense it to local candidates who go along with the program. Result: More negative campaigning, more partisanship, more control by big money.

So far, the Republican response to this problem has been hotly partisan: Shut down the Democrats' successful bingo operations.

Certainly, something more far-reaching and more in the public interest is called for.

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Team spirit



Helping the needy: The squirts league Plymouth Sharks recently collected several bags of groceries and donated them to the Salvation Army in Plymouth. The team also donated a certificate to buy turkeys for the needy. The Sharks plan to continue the spirit of giving by adopting a family for Christmas. The players are Robert Breen, Michael Carson, Ryan Chatman, David Commiskey, Robert Darby, Adam Dilley, David Gill, Brett Hyman, Charles Kemp III, Matt Otto, Joseph Rzyzi, Dustin Smith, Dan Stiver, John Talarczyk, Dan Valentine, Robert Ward and Brandon Warren. Coaches are Ken Haddock, Tom Talarczyk, Steve Valentine and Mike Ward.

OBITUARIES

EDITH G. SIKES

Services for Edith G. Sikes, 87, of Canton were held Monday, Nov. 28, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, in Canton. Burial was in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Southfield.

Miss Sikes was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Pontiac.

She is survived by her sisters, Edna G. Lomas and Martha Bennett; also survived by the family of Harriet Faulkner and the family of Martha Bennett.

DAVID O. MONTGOMERY

Services for David O. Montgomery, 84, of Redford were Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home under the auspices of the Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 47 F. and A.M. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens, in Westland.

He was born Jan. 8, 1910, in Bethel, Ohio, and died Monday, Nov. 21, in Livonia. He was a supervisor at Ford Motor Co. and retired 20 years ago. He came to the Redford community 32 years ago. He was a member of the Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 47 F. & A.M.

He is survived by one son; three daughters; one step-daughter, several grandchildren, four brothers, two sisters.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

VIRGIL O. WOOLEY

Services for Virgil O. Wooley, 66, of Plymouth were held Monday, Nov. 28, at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home, with Rev. Frank Vince Vloch officiating. Burial

was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

He was born Nov. 15, 1928 in Portia, Ark., and died Wednesday, Nov. 23, in Plymouth.

Mr. Wooley retired from Ford Motor Co. in 1992. He was moved to Plymouth in 1947. He was a member of the South Lyon Lodge No. 319 F & A.M.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley R. Wooley of Plymouth; children, Teresa Carol Wooley of Plymouth, Donna Hicks of Okla.; Mike Langston of Plymouth, Tony Langston of Plymouth; three grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; sisters, Della Hoffman of Arizona, and Ann Flowers of Taylor; sister-in-law, Wilma Yates of Livonia.

Memorials made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or to the Shriners are appreciated.

BYRON WILKIN

Services for Byron Wilkin, 73, were Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Jack R. Williams officiating. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

He was born Sept. 17, 1921, in Canton Township, and died Tuesday, Nov. 15, in Canton Township.

He was a truck driver for National Ready Mix for 15 years. He was a life-long resident of Canton Township. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Canton. He was a member of the United Auto Workers and Teamsters Union No. 247.

He is survived by his wife, Dorthy L. of Canton; daughters, Kady Williams of Ariz. and Joy Reist of Paw Paw; two grandchildren; one brother; and 2 sisters.

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ON THE MARQUEE



KEELY WYGONIK

Chefs cooking to raise money for pastry team

On Monday, Dec. 19, the 1995 U.S. World Pastry Cup Team will prepare a gourmet holiday dinner to raise money for their competition in Lyon, France in January 1995. The dinner will be at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. For \$75 per person, gourmet connoisseurs will enjoy a champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception and dinner starting at 6 p.m. The Fenton Community Choir will be performing. Call (313) 462-4417 for tickets.

Participating chefs include E. David Auers, Milos Cihelka, Kevin Gawronski, Jeffrey Gabriel, Daniel Hugelier, Ed Janos, Brian Polcyn, Leopold Schaeli, and Jeff Smith.

I know a lot of people are groaning now that cold weather has arrived with a flurry, but snow and ice can be nice. They celebrate it every year in Plymouth at the International Ice Sculpture Spectacular scheduled Jan. 11-16.

Hundreds of thousands of pounds of ice will be transformed into dazzling displays by culinary artists who specialize in this magical art form. Some of our country's finest professional and student ice artists, as well as competitors from all over the world, will create one-of-a-kind displays.

One of the highlights of this year's events will be team competitions which begin 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13. Also showcased during this year's event will be a spectacular light show that will turn the ice sculptures and downtown Plymouth into a winter wonderland. "Fantasyland," a themed ice display, will be highlighted in the Gathering. There will also be a gingerbread house and decorated cake contest. Call (313) 455-0052 for details.

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Carolers: Ken and Linda Rainford (left to right) with Livonia Civic Chorus director Jim Whitten, Buff and Jim Bumford rehearse for the Dec. 18 concert.

Joyful concerts lift holiday spirits

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Holidays are a magical time. Seasonal music uplifts our spirits, and helps us recall pleasant memories of Christmases past.

■ Livonia Civic Chorus, featured in our photo above, will present its 30th annual Christmas concert, "A Christmas Wish," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia.

The concert includes classic holiday favorites "Let It Snow," "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and an Irving Berlin medley which includes "White Christmas." There will be original music composed and performed by an original 30-year chorus member, Hank Kanar, and even a wooden soldier or two. There is no admission charge.

■ A concert of Polish Christmas Carols will be performed by the Polonaise Chorale 4 p.m. Sunday,

Dec. 4, at St. Aidan Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission is free. The Christmas Carol Concerts of the Polonaise Chorale have been an annual tradition in Livonia since 1982. All those who enjoy singing are invited to join the choral. Rehearsals are 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Call (313) 464-7996 or (313) 863-6209 for information.

■ Schoolcraft College Community Choir will perform two holiday concerts "Echoes of Christmas" 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth (corner of Church and Main St.) and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church (Six Mile between Merriam and Middlebelt) in Livonia. The concerts will feature the ensemble "Solid Brass," traditional holiday favorites and a Christmas Carol sing-along. The Schoolcraft College Chamber Singers will also

perform. Tickets are \$4 each. Call (313) 462-4448.

■ Farmington Area Philharmonic presents their holiday pops concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in the Farmington Hills Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt. Complimentary refreshments. Tickets \$15, senior citizens, \$12, children under 12, \$5. Tickets available at all Metrobank locations, and by calling (810) 478-2075.

■ Madrigal Choir of Southfield, which includes John Criter and Jon Grief of Livonia, will present their 14th annual holiday concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Old St. Mary's Church in Greetown, Detroit. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 students and senior citizens. Tickets available at the door or by calling (810) 652-3097.

■ Lyric Chamber Ensemble rings in the holidays with the music of

Bach 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

■ "J.S. Bach Jubilee" will feature the Chamber Choir of Eastern Michigan University. The chorale will also perform other holiday selections, with traditional carols. Tickets \$16 adults, \$14 students and seniors, call (810) 357-1111.

■ Noel Night 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, University Cultural Center, Detroit celebrates the spirit of the holiday season with music, dance performances, craft sales and exhibits. Call (313) 577-5088.

■ Motor City Metro Chapter of The Barbershop Harmony Society presents "Home for the Holidays," a concert of barbershop and holiday classics 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10 at Mercy High School Auditorium, 11 Mile at

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Westland actor enjoys role in 'Miss Saigon'

BY BRIAN LYBAGHT
STAFF WRITER

Leo Daignault, an actor who is in town for three months with the hit musical "Miss Saigon," recalls his senior year at Westland John Glenn with fondness.

"My senior year was pretty packed with fine arts classes," said Daignault, 29, a 1983 graduate. "I had one required class, political science, and the rest were either dance, drama or choir. Then I went home early."

Not that he was slacking off. He played the lead in the school play, "Pirates of Penzance" and won an award as the school's top fine arts student.

"They were really good to me there," Daignault said.

After a year at Eastern Michigan, he decided to go to Chicago to further his performing career.

In August 1992, he joined the national touring company for "Miss Saigon." The company has done 850 performances in Chicago, Boston, Washington, D.C., Denver and Minneapolis. The mammoth production is at Detroit's Masonic Temple Theatre until Jan. 7.

Daignault has relatively small ensemble roles as a Marine and a Vietnamese villager. The show is a love story about an American soldier and a young Vietnamese woman.

He said he's glad to be home for an extended stay, and that opening night at the Masonic in October, with about 25 friends and family members in the crowd, was a thrill.

His mother, Joann Daignault of Canton, has seen the show five times in several cities. She said she is very proud of her son, whom, she recalled, "used to put on puppet shows in the backyard."

"At first I thought that it's just because I'm his mom that I felt he had a great voice. Then I realized other people liked it too."

Bruce Graden, then a Glenn music teacher, said Daignault was very focused on the performing arts. He was "a great singer, great actor and very good dancer."

"It was pretty obvious to me that he had everything going for him," said Graden, now retired but still in touch with his former student.

Daignault also stays in contact with Dan Cooney, who graduated from Glenn a year later and performed the role of Perchik in "Fiddler on the Roof" this fall at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit.

Daignault took an early interest in theater. He was doing makeup for Garden City and Westland theater groups as an eighth grader. As a ninth grader, he summoned the courage to play his first lead role (Ichabod Crane) in a Marshall Junior High School production of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

"I always wanted to perform," he said.

In Chicago, he took whatever roles he could and paid his dues.

"I did shows where I was making \$50 a week and supporting myself waiting tables, just for the love of theater."

He performed in Midwest premieres of touring shows like "A Little Night Music," and "Pacific Overtures." He managed a restaurant.

Eventually he joined the actor's union, which ensured better-paying roles.



Leo Daignault

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Concerts from page 1B

Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Call (810) 625-6211 or (810) 634-1332 (evenings) for tickets.

■ Home for the Holidays, with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Churchill High School's James P. Carl Auditorium, (Newburgh at Joy Road) Livonia. Clarenceville High School Choir, guest conductor Carl Karoub in a concert of seasonal favorites ending with a audience participation in Hanel's "Hallelujah Chorus." Call (313) 421-1111 or (313) 464-2741.

■ Plymouth Community Band, Winter Concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, Canton High School Little Theatre. Santa Clause will be making an appearance. There is no charge.

■ Madonna University Chorale presents their annual concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, Felician Motherhouse Chapel. There is no

charge. Call (313) 591-5097 for information.

■ Redford Civic Symphony presents its annual Christmas concert with the St. Valentine Choir, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at St. Valentine Church, on Beech Road, south of Five Mile in Redford. The program includes Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite," Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride," and a sing-along at the end of the program.

■ Rackham Symphony Choir presents Handel's "Messiah," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10 at Old St. Mary's Church in Greentown on the corner of St. Antoine and Monroe, Detroit. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Call (313) 292-4650.

■ Farmington Community Band will present "Holiday Collage," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in the Harrison High School auditorium on 12 Mile Road between Middlebelt

and Orchard Lake Roads in Farmington Hills. The concert band, jazz/dance band, and several small ensembles, will play a collection of holiday classics. Tickets available at the door. Call (810) 476-5014 or (810) 489-3412 for information.

■ Cool Yule will be presented by Farmington Community Chorus 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16-17, at Harrison High School, 12 Mile Road, between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt.

Tickets \$6, senior citizens and students \$5, children 10 and under \$3. Tickets will be sold at the door on an availability basis. Call (810) 474-4516.

Selections include "Home for the Holidays," several soloists and small ensembles, comical numbers, and the title selection "Cool Yule," written by Steve Allen.



Polish chorale: Polonaise Chorale will present a concert of Polish Christmas Carols at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia on Dec. 4.

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He was cast as one of the four comedic do-woppers in "Forever Plaid" in Chicago, and in October 1991 began a 10-month run with the show in Boston.

He left to join the "Miss Saigon, which opened in Chicago in October 1992.

The show's next stop, after Detroit, is nine months in Los Angeles, which can be a good town for

young actors. Daignault said he will look for opportunity there. But stardom?

"Stardom is dependent on so many outside factors — a good press agent, a good agent, luck.

My goal is to work as many years as I can and to enjoy my work.

"It's cool to be able to say that I get to do for a living what I love so much."

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highlight. This year's festivities begin 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17. The cost is \$30 per person, students \$25. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of Polish Art Fine Arts Fund. Call Jan Wojtan (313) 425-2727, Christine Kanabrodzka (810) 549-4527 or Christine Brestek (313) 822-3379 for reservations.

The meatless Polish dinner features pickled herring in cream, mushroom soup, pierogi, baked sauerkraut and vegetable medley. Ewa Siarkowski Depa of Livonia will be singing popular Christmas carols in English and Polish.

■ The Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall Volunteer Council kicks off its new Symphony for Kids Series 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, with a Young Peoples Concert featuring Prokofiev's "Peter and the

Wolf" with the Bob Brown Pupets and the symphony.

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'Miss Saigon' memorable despite faults

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
SPECIAL WRITER

There's a new "lady" in town and although she's good — very, very good, — she ain't all she's cracked up to be. The lady is "Miss Saigon," which is now playing at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit.

"Miss Saigon's" arrival was preceded by some of the biggest hype produced in these times of exaggerated endorsements. And, via radio, television and newspaper ads, this hype has continued since "this classic love story of our time" hit the stage in Detroit.

The hype worked on this reviewer whose expectations were of such magnitude that there was little chance for this show to meet them. But, expectations aside, there are some areas in "Miss Saigon" to appreciate, and a few that evoke raves from the audience.

"Miss Saigon" tells the story of love and self-sacrifice between a young Vietnamese girl and an American soldier at the time of the fall of Saigon in 1975.

Jennifer C. Paz, in the role of Kim, gives an outstanding performance during most of "Miss Saigon." There are times, however, when the words to the songs she is singing are unrecognizable. This is also true at times for the singing of Kevin Gray, who plays

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the Engineer, and for Eric Kunze, (Chris). Only, John, played by native Detroiters Charles E. Wallace, is able to be consistently understood.

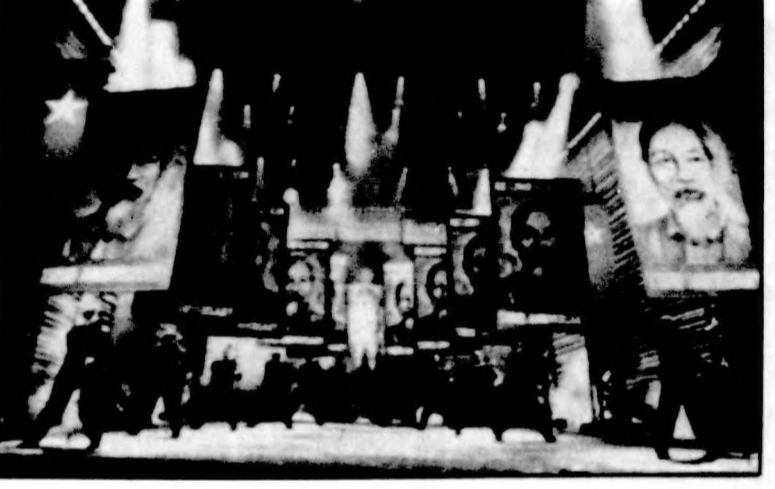
Not being able to understand the lyrics to the songs is disconcerting in any musical production, but in "Miss Saigon," this is especially unfortunate since most of the dialogue in this production is through songs.

Lighting and scenery works together to create many powerful scenes, beginning with the vivid red opening, followed by the use of lighting to frame the girls in a sea of blue, up to the gigantic statue of Ho Chi Minh and through the evacuation of Saigon in 1975, and on, everything works well together.

Speaking of the evacuation, Leo Daignault of Westland as Sergeant Hicks, belts out his short line with conviction.

Also during the evacuation in Act II a helicopter lands on a platform above the stage giving rise to approving applause.

The helicopter, which looks and sounds real, adds tremendously to the scene, however, it is because of the helicopter that the next scene with Kim singing a reprise of "Sun and Moon" is not



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Musical: A dramatic scene from the Cameron Mackintosh production of the musical, "Miss Saigon" now playing at the Masonic Temple Theatre.

as strong as it should be.

Raising the helicopter causes the set to shake, and it continues to shake and be distracting during Kim's solo.

One special effect that really does work well is exhibited during "The American Dream" performed by the Engineer. A Cadillac convertible, complete with Miss Liberty, appears to hover in the air when it comes straight out

of the back curtain. The car, the catchy song, and the Engineer's likeable singing all make this a memorable scene.

While certain aspects come to mind after the curtain goes down on "Miss Saigon," disappointingly, there is something that is not memorable. Also, why the ending should be memorable, it is more expected than momentous.

"Miss Saigon" does have its faults, but it is also powerful and entertaining. The story line is simple, and a reflection of a bleak period in our time. "Miss Saigon" is well worth the trip downtown, just don't have too many expectations.

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LET'S GO! DINING

Garden City couple aims to keep Muggs diners happy

One of the regulars likes to eat shrimp and hot sauce in the morning. No problem at Muggs Coffee Shoppe, whose owners understand the importance of giving people what they want.

"I have one woman who calls me and says, 'I want breakfast,' and I make it for her, and it's all ready when she gets here," said Jack Dubay, who keeps the kitchen. His wife, Ann, serves the food. The Garden City couple opened Muggs Coffee Shoppe in April in

a Ford Road building that long housed a donut shop.

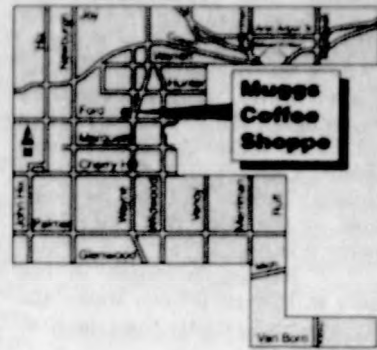
Things have been going well since, and Ann Dubay said it may be because they keep the place clean, the prices low and the food good. And they're not afraid to serve shrimp for breakfast, even if it's not on the menu.

The Dubays are high school sweethearts from Garden City (he East Class of '82, she Garden City High Class of '83). He started as a 17-year-old short-order cook, graduated from the culinary arts school at Schoolcraft College and worked as a chef at the Hyatt Regency, Grand Cafe in Farmington and Oakland Hills Country Club, among other places.

But they always wanted to own their own place, and for the last three years, they've been working toward that goal.

"Our dream was always to have a small mom and pop shop, and that's how this came about," said Ann Dubay. She saw a for-rent sign in the window, and that's where it all began.

She did the decorating. There are pictures of old movie stars: James Cagney, Clark Gable, Humphrey Bogart and Lucille Ball. Ann Dubay said she wants



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to keep the place cozy. It seems to be working. Some of the older crowd has drifted back.

"We have tons of old regulars who weren't our regulars, but they've become our regulars," she said.

There are also city workers, business people and families.

Muggs Coffee Shoppe serves breakfast and lunch — no dinner. The servings are large. A bowl of soup, for example, is served in a 16 oz. mug that many people don't finish.

There are three-egg omelettes and the fried red-skinned potatoes are popular. The morning special offers two eggs, two bacon strips or sausage links, potatoes

and toast for \$2.

For lunch there are sandwiches, including a turkey burger fried in soy sauce, burger and turkey and swiss. The soups are made fresh daily and change daily.

"Everything is big," said Ann Dubay. "It's a lot for your money."

All the items on the menu are under \$4. The coffee is fresh ground.

There are no plans to begin offering dinner, Ann Dubay said.

There are other family members involved at Muggs: Her father, Ed Jentzen; his mother, Dorothy Caren; and her sister, Susy Bates, among them.

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LET'S GO! MOVIES

Preppie style makes 'Seduction' a ho-hum affair



JOHN MONAGHAN

TICKETS PLEASE She not only refuses to open up to the man she sleeps with; she routinely insults him. She's so cold that she extinguishes her cigarette in an apple pie baked by his grandma. Linda Fiorentino's Bridget in "The Last Seduction" caps a whole history of movie femme fatales. Sexy, sadistic, and way too cool to care, she is infinitely more fascinating than the predictable and pliable males she manipulates throughout the film. This is the second theatrical release from director John Dahl and his third project to harken back to

film noir, the shadow-filled crime and detective films of the 1940s and '50s. Earlier this year Dahl's "Red Rock West," starring Nicolas Cage and Dennis Hopper, became one of the few movies ever to enjoy a healthy theatrical run after cable and video release. It played for over a month at the Main Art Theatre. "The Last Seduction," at the Main and Star Taylor, might be more at home on the small screen. Though filled with bright ideas and humor, it's film noir as made by preppies; it talks tough, but never grabs you by the collar. Bridget's medical student husband (Bill Pullman) writes illegal prescriptions for Manhattan drug addicts. His big score, a \$700,000 cocaine transfer, is foiled when Bridget absconds with the money

in a brown grocery sack. She drives all night, finally reaching Boston — "Home of the Bulldogs" as the town sign proudly states. After seeing "Red Rock West," you just know she's not leaving anytime soon. Her lawyer advises that she stay put until the heat blows over, which could be as long as two years. She lands a job with an insurance company, which also employs the guy (Peter Berg) she picked up, slept with, and abandoned the night before. Film noir is typically set in big cities like New York and Los Angeles. Dahl proved in "Red Rock West" that smalltown USA, with its town square and friendly locals, could also be a scene of depravity and murder. He has the same potential here, but Boston (Bridget calls it

"Mayberry") never plays a major role. When a private investigator (Bill Nunn) tracks down Bridget at her new job, the receptionist makes a point of telling her "it was a black man," as if she's never seen one before. We long for more scenes with Fiorentino practicing her wit and bitchiness on the locals, but, perhaps for budgetary reasons, Dahl rarely strays from a few key sets — the bar, the office, the bedroom — and a handful of characters. Equally disappointing in "The Last Seduction" is the dialogue. Like Quentin Tarantino in "Pulp Fiction," Dahl and writer Steve Barancik have strung together bits from other great movies, including the oft-copied "Double Indemnity," which many call the quintessential film noir. But Dahl has yet to create a

way of talking that isn't just re-fried film noir banter plus profanity. Tarantino's dialogue flies off the screen; Dahl's only serves to remind you of the better movies it's mimicking. The success of "Red Rock West" came too late for Dahl to enjoy any buying power at the casting office. "The Last Seduction" was already in the can. Better male actors would still lose to Fiorentino's Bridget, but at least they would make this cat-and-mouse game a bit more sporting. If you have a comment for John Monaghan, call him at 963-2047, mailbox 1866, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write to him care of Street Scene, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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Screen Scene

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

MAIN ART THEATRE
118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call 810-542-0180 for information and showtimes. (\$6.50; \$4 students and matinee; \$3 twilight)
"The Last Seduction" (USA - 1994). The follow-up film noir from John Dahl, director of "Red Rock West." This time Linda

Fiorentino stars as a ruthless femme fatale who double crosses her husband.
"Interview with the Vampire" (USA - 1994). Neil Jordan's stunning new film version of the Anne Rice vampire novel features seductive performances from Brad Pitt, Tom Cruise, and newcomer Kirsten Dunst.
"Bullets Over Broadway" (USA - 1994). Woody Allen's latest, set in the 1920s, finds an ambitious playwright (John Cusack) offered the chance to direct his own play. The only hitch: he has to cast a mobster's girlfriend in a key role.

MAPLE THEATRE
4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield. All titles play through at least next Thursday. Call 810-855-9090 for information. (\$6; \$2.95 twilight)
"The Professional" (USA - 1994). The new thriller from Luc Besson ("La Femme Nikita") finds a hitman taking a young girl under his protection. Gary Oldman stars.
"Interview with the Vampire" (USA - 1994). See Main Art Theatre listing above.
"The Shawshank Redemption" (USA - 1994). Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman play prison in-

mates whose terms span the decades. An entertaining, if cliched, adaptation of a Stephen King story.
REDFORD THEATRE
17360 Lahser, Detroit. Call 537-2560 for information. (\$2.50)
"White Christmas" (USA - 1954). 8 p.m. Dec. 2; 2, 8 p.m. Dec. 3 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime). Army buddies Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye try to boost the popularity of a winter resort, singing Irving Berlin songs along the way.

Coming Attractions

There's something for everyone at the movies. Here's a list of what's in the wings:
Opening Friday, Dec. 9
"Disclosure" — A high-tech story of corporate intrigue and sexual harassment, based on the novel by Michael Crichton. Stars Michael Douglas, Demi Moore and Donald Sutherland.
"Drop Zone" — A thriller about a U.S. marshall who gets involved with exhibition sky diving while investigating his brother's murder. Stars Wesley Snipes and Gary Busey.
"Heavenly Creatures" — The tale of a joyous friendship between two young, imaginative women, who find themselves on dangerous ground.
Opening Friday, Dec. 16
"Richie Rich" — Based on the Harvey Comics series, the story of a boy who has everything and takes over the family business

when his parents are believed lost in a plane crash. With Macaulay Culkin and John Larroquette.
Opening Friday, Dec. 21
"Mixed Nuts" — A Christmas comedy for the '90s about a group of people at a suicide hotline on Christmas Eve, dealing with love, birth, death and fruitcakes. Stars Steve Martin and Madeline Kahn.
Opening Sunday, Dec. 23
"Nell" — A woman raised in a remote cabin in the wilds, becomes a source of wisdom and inspiration to the doctor and psychologist who control her fate. With Jodie Foster, Liam Neeson and Natasha Richardson.
"Pret-A-Porter" — Director Robert Altman shows a world of intrigue, romance, comedy and suspense against the Paris fashion industry. With a large cast of stars.



"Trapped in Paradise": It's Christmas Eve and the Firpo brothers Dave (Jon Lovitz, left), Bill (Nicolas Cage) and Alvin (Dana Carvey) have come from New York City to the small town of Paradise to pull a heist, but their big city ways are no match for the kindness of the good folks of Paradise.

Jeff Daniels' Fox party won't be dumb

It won't be just another dumb party when Jeff Daniels brings home his new movie "Dumb and Dumber" for a gala benefit premiere at the Fox Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12.
New Line Cinema's "Dumb and Dumber" is a comedy about the simple-minded, starring Jeff Daniels and Jim Carrey. The proceeds of the event will benefit The Purple Rose Theatre Company, a not-for-profit professional theater in Chelsea, Mich., founded by Daniels.
Tickets for the Premiere are on sale now for \$15 (General Admission) and are available at all

Ticketmaster locations or charge by phone at (810) 645-6666. Patron tickets, \$125, are available by calling The Purple Rose Theatre at (313) 475-5817, Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Patron tickets include VIP seating and an after-glow reception hosted by Jeff and Kathleen Daniels at Risata restaurant (next to the Fox Theatre in the Second City).
Also expected to attend are director Peter Farrower, producer Charles Weesser and actress Carrie Fisher. Carrey (The Mask) and Daniels (Speed) star in this highly anticipated comedy about a

pathetic pair of dimwits who embark on a cross-country road trip, in hopes of returning a briefcase full of cash to its rightful owner. For these two, every day is a no brainer — and "cross country" means traveling from Rhode Island to Aspen, Colorado.
Lloyd Christmas (Carrey) and Harry Dunne (Daniels) redefine the meaning of the word "stupid" as they confound cops, kidnappers, truckers, migrant workers and anyone who has the incredible misfortune of crossing their path.
Co-starring Lauren Holly (Dragon), MTV's Karen "Duff" Duffy,

Teri Garr, Victoria Rowell (The Distinguished Gentleman) and Boston Bruins star forward Cam Neely, "Dumb and Dumber" is directed by Peter Farrower. The film is produced by Charles B. Weessler and Brad Krevoy and Steve Stabler from a screenplay by Peter Farrower, Bennett Yellin and Bob Farrower. Executive Producers are Aaron Meyerson and Gerald Olson.
"Dumb and Dumber," New Line's first major film to be distributed during the holiday box office season, opens in theaters nationwide on Friday, December 16.

A 'Speechless' contest

Tell us about a holiday gift you received that left you "Speechless" to win a sweat shirt and two tickets to see the movie 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13 at Star John R. Theatre in Madison Heights.
The first 24 entries will receive a "Speechless" sweatshirt, and two tickets to the movie. One grand-prize winner will receive a sweatshirt, two tickets to the movie, and a commemorative book. Deadline to enter is Friday, Dec. 9. You must be 18 to enter, only one entry per family.
Send or fax entries to: Keely Wygonik, Let's Get editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Fax entries by calling:

(313) 591-7279. For information, call (313) 963-2106.
"Speechless," opening at metro Detroit movie theaters on Dec. 16, stars Michael Keaton and Geena Davis. Sparks fly when Kevin Vallick (Keaton), and Julia Mann (Davis) meet over the last box of Nytol in an all-night convenience store, but these two have more in common than insomnia. Both political speech writers, they are unaware that they share the same profession — and work for opposing candidates. When they discover the truth, romance gives way to rivalry as they engage in an escalating and hilarious match of one-upmanship.

Kids who tell us their favorite book can win

Kids there's still time to enter our contest. Write and tell us about your favorite book to win an autographed copy of "The Pagemaster" written by David Kirchner.
Be sure to list the name of your favorite book and the author. Explain why it was the best book you ever read — tell us why you liked the story and the characters.
The first 30 entries will receive a "Pagemaster" prize package containing a t-shirt, write and wipe board, activity book and other surprises.

This contest is open to children ages 5 to 12. Only one entry per family. Deadline for entries Friday, Dec. 2.
Include your t-shirt size with the entry, name, address and a daytime telephone number where your parent's can be reached. Winners will be notified by mail.
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Tip Toppers Club of Detroit is sponsoring a square dance and hayride at Sugarbush Farms, 3620 Gotfredson Road, in Ypsilanti at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. The cost is \$18 per person, payable in advance by Thursday, Dec. 1. Admission price includes hayride, bonfire, food, soft drinks and dancing with a square dance caller. (313) 421-4897.

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For November, Westside Singles will hold dances from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. every Friday at Burton Manor, Schoolcraft west of Inquirer Road. Admission before 8:30, \$2, 21 and older, dressy attire. (313) 562-3160.

WEDNESDAY DANCE
Wednesday Suburban Singles will hold a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesdays in November in Burton Manor, 1-96 and Inquirer, Exit 177, Livonia. Age 21 and older, proper attire, no jeans. Cost is \$3. (313) 842-0443 or (313) 477-8050.

EDZADANCE
Mergadance, singles dance party, will be 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. every Sunday at Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill. Dress is sharp, age 21 and over. Admission is \$3. (313) 292-0766 or (313) 425-1430.

Ballroom dancing

STABILITERS
Ballroom dancing for singles age 40 and older will be 9 p.m. to midnight every Friday in the Northwest YWCA, 25940 Grand River, at Beech Daly, Livonia. Dressy attire, no jeans. Married couples welcome. (313) 525-8913.

ANN ARBOR SINGLES
Ann Arbor Singles Ballroom Dancers meet 8:30-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Grotto Club of Ann Arbor, 2070 W. Stadium Blvd. Live band. Admission \$4.50 per person. Dance lessons available 7-8 p.m. for a fee. (313) 930-1892, (313) 665-6013 or (313) 487-5322.

Single groups

UNITY OF LIVONIA
Unique Singles is hosting a Christmas "Carol" Costume sing-along pot luck dinner 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. 278-0459

GENUINE FARMINGTON
A holiday get-together is planned at Our Lady of Sorrows, 23615 Power Road, Farmington, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9. Bring a dish to pass or pay \$3. 478-7841.

SELECTIVE PROFESSIONALS
Selective Professionals is a group for professional singles which sponsors seminars, brunches, speeches and varied activities. 422-8700.

BETHANY
Bethany, a support and social group for divorced and separated Christians, meets 8 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at St. Kenneth Church, Haggerty Road south of Five Mile, Plymouth Township. (313) 261-9123.

ST. PAUL'S
Voyagers Singles mixed non-denominational for singles 45-years and older meets at the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. On Friday, Dec. 9, the group will host the 'History of Automobile Industry' at \$3.50 per person.

NEWBURGH SINGLES
Newburgh Singles ministries meets 7 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in Guthrie Hall of Newburgh United Methodist Church, 30500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh, Livonia. Light refreshments served. (313) 683-0014.

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS
A nonprofit social group for singles ages 25-40, who share common interests and want to form new friendships. It's not limited to the Farmington area and members participate in more than 200 activities per year. (810) 478-9181.

SINGLE PLACE
Single Place Adult Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville, presents Active Singles, social group for singles who work afternoons, nights and weekends. Events include social, cultural and sports events, and brunches and tours in and around the metro area. Ages 24-44. (810) 478-1220.

SINGLE PRIDE
The Rev. Paul Clough leads Scripture messages relevant to daily single living 10-11 a.m. Sundays, in Knox Hall, West Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile Road, Livonia. Talk II Over (T.O.) 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Friday of each month, in Knox Hall of West Presbyterian Church. Also available, volleyball, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. (313) 422-1884.

EXPLORATIONS
An adult discussion group meets 7:30-11:15 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month in First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor. The program is not church-affiliated. The group is open to those age 21 and older. Admission is \$5 per person and \$2 for volunteers. Snacks are served at each meeting. (313) 966-0141.

REAL PEOPLE CLUB
The Real People Club, a singles group for people with disabilities ages 21-35, is sponsored by the Easter Seal Society. (313) 338-9826 or (810) 646-3347.

ACTIVITIES GROUP
The Activities Group is single adults participating in a variety of activities on an organized year-round basis. They are not affiliated with any self-help group, religious or political organization. Membership fee is \$30. (810) 624-7777.

EXPLORERS
St. Edith Single Explorers meet at 7:30 p.m. the first Friday of each month at St. Edith Church, on Newburgh south of Five Mile. (313) 464-2027.

POP LIVONIA-EDZADANCE
The Livonia-Edzadance Chapter 130 of Parents Without Partners meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at the Embassy Suites Hotel, just east of I-275 between Six Mile and Seven Mile. Orientation is 8 p.m., the general meeting 8:30 p.m., followed by dancing. (313) 464-1969.

POP WAYNE-WESTLAND
The Wayne-Westland Chapter 340 meets the second and fourth Fridays of the month in the Wayne AMVETS Hall, 1217 Memman, Westland. Meeting is 8-8:30 p.m. Dance is set for 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$4 before 9 p.m., \$5 after 9 p.m. New members welcome. (313) 525-6837.

CATHOLIC ALIENS
The Catholic Alumni Club is for Catholics who are college graduates and are free to many in the Catholic church. (313) 561-7564, (810) 939-1558 or (810) 647-7076.

Sports/Recreation

WALLYBALL
Farmington Single Professionals host Wallyball at 6:40 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, and 7:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at Racquetball Farmington, located on Nine Mile between Farmington and Drake roads. Cost \$4 for members per hour and \$5 for non-members. (810) 478-9181.

BOWLING
The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit is sponsoring a bowling night at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at Thunderbird Lanes, located on Maple Road west of Livonia in Troy. The cost is \$8. (810) 682-1807.

HOLIDAY VISIT
Farmington Single Professionals are hosting a "Holiday Time" visit at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum Sunday, Dec. 11. Group members intend to walk through the village if weather permits. Admission is \$11.50. (810) 478-9181.

INDOOR VOLLEYBALL
The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit sponsors indoor volleyball every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Birney Middle School in Southfield on the corner of Evergreen Road and 11 Mile Road. The cost is \$3 for members, \$5 non-members. (810) 682-1807.

BOWLING
Voyagers Singles mixed bowling league bowls 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Merr-Bowl Lanes, Five Mile and Memman roads, Livonia. The league is open to those ages 40 and older. Regulars and subs needed. (313) 591-1350 or (313) 278-9717.

BOWLING
The Activities Group, comprised of intelligent adults who enjoy participating in a variety of sporting and cultural events, meet at 7 p.m. every other week at the Northwestern Bowling Club in Farmington Hills. No partners are needed, teams are arranged by group. A nearby restaurant visit follows. (810) 624-7777.

BRIDGE
Singles bridge group meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays in the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main. Lessons are offered 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. (313) 349-9104 or (313) 420-3177.

WALLEYBALL
Farmington Single Professionals play wallyball at 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and 7:15 p.m. Thursdays at Racquetball Farmington, Nine Mile between Farmington and Drake Road, Farmington. There are courts designated beginner, intermediate and advanced. Cost \$4 for FSP members and \$5 for non-members. (810) 478-9181.

BURGERS/WALKERS
Farmington Single Professionals meet 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays in the parking lot by the tennis courts at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Road just south of I-696. (810) 478-9181.

UNITY OF LIVONIA
Unique Singles is hosting a Christmas "Carol" Costume sing-along pot luck dinner 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road.

IN SEARCH OF
The Activities Group in Search Of club members will search "To find the best burger in Metro Detroit" as part of the group's In Search Of series to find the best of what the area has to offer in restaurants, foods and novel decor. Suggestions and samples will be discussed at the noon meeting Saturday, Dec. 3, at Langan's Bowling Center, 32905 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. The Activities Group is composed of intelligent adults who enjoy participating in a variety of sporting and cultural activities. (810) 624-7777.

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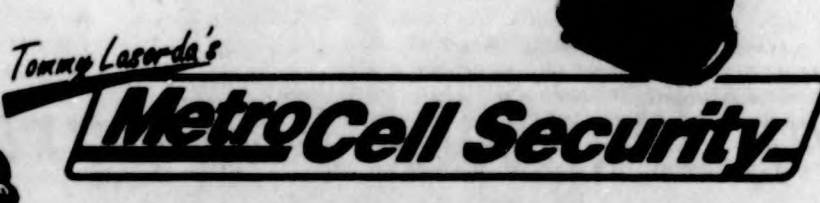
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LET'S GO! **STREET SCENE**

STREET BEATS

Hydrophonic
— The Soup Dragons



Now pared down to a mere dragon, vocalist Sean Dickson seems to have lost some of his fire. He's drifted to a more rock-oriented sound, much in the same regard as fellow Brits Primal Scream.

Bootsy Collins, Neville Staples, and Tina Weymouth have tagged along for the "Hydrophonic" (Raw TV/Mercury) ride, but the songs don't live up to The Soup Dragons' earlier hits.

"Freeway," which sounds eerily like Primal Scream's "Get Your Rocks Off," comes the closest. The harmonica solo in "Freeway" is worth taking a quick listen. The feel-good lyrics are there, but the hooks aren't.

— Christina Fuoco

(Dickson and his cast of touring musicians hit the Majestic in Detroit on Saturday, Dec. 3. Call (313) 963-7680 for more information.)

Autogeddon
— Julian Cope



Go ahead and throw Julian Cope in that musty pile with Iron Maiden albums, mystery shows on PBS, and all other things way too British to be understood by major American audiences. Then again, Cope (once the leader of the Teardrop Explodes) is probably inaccessible even to the British.

Always a critically acclaimed artist, his late two albums "Peggy Suicide" and "Jehovahkill," both drew raves from the music press, but went mostly unheard by the alternative crowd he is pitched to in the United States.

"Autogeddon" is his first album for Rick Rubin's hip American Recordings label, but don't expect Copernican to sweep the country anytime soon. This album is a thoroughly frustrating listen. There are decent songs scattered through.

"Autogeddon Blues" is a spluttering acoustic attack somewhere between Iggy Pop and Nick Cave, and "Ain't No Gettin' Round Gettin' Round" is a bare-bones rocker.

However, Cope's vocals don't add to his songs, but seem to instantly deflate whatever life they showed in their first ten seconds. He starts in with either an adenoidal, robotic drone or sings like a wacked-out character from "Looney Tunes," showcasing on the infuriating "Paranormal in the West Country."

The nine songs here are thematically related, all spitting at the automobile as a thing of evil. Cope's press release calls "Autogeddon" a "gripping and coherent rant against cars, the crap that comes out of them, the crap that springs up wherever they go, and the idiots — for the most part — who drive them."

Now this could be nitpicking, but it might be a little easier being called an idiot by some eccentric English musician, if his music was actually likeable. In a way, it's fitting that Julian Cope thinks the majority of North America, Europe and the rest of the civilized world are idiots; they're certainly not buying his albums.

"Autogeddon" makes no argument to change that fact, either.

— Todd Wicks

A Rochester Hills resident, Wicks is a student at Michigan State University.

Send us your Band of Year nominations

There are a lot of impressive local bands around Detroit, and we're looking for the ones that our readers loved the most.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is asking readers to nominate their local favorites for 1994 Band of the Year honor.

There's a lot of choices out there — Wig, Big Chief, Majesty Crush, Spank, The Verve Pipe, The Exceptions, Immigrant Suna, Slot, Hot Pootie's Puddin' Pie, among others.

Last year's winner was East Lansing-based The Verve Pipe, who will headline a concert on New Year's Eve at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit.

Deadline is Dec. 16. Call in your nominations to the 24-hour hotline (313) 963-9021 or send it in to Street Scene, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 30361 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, 48150. Please include your name and phone number.

Stones' 'circus' is back in town

Never mind the Ben Gay and Geritol jokes, aging only makes the Rolling Stones better. See for yourself as the Stones play the Pontiac Silverdome Dec. 1.

BY TODD WICKS
SPECIAL WRITER



It's been almost three months since the Rolling Stones played Spartan Stadium in East Lansing. Much has happened since

then. The leaves fell from the trees, the air got colder and colder, and the T-shirts sold at that show were washed a few times and quickly became see-through.

Christmas decorations are everywhere, the "Crazy Clearance" Wonderland Music ads are back on TV, and Keith Richards has worked his way through roughly 180 more packs of Marlboro Reds (they reportedly have the same effect on him as vitamins do on the rest of us).

But it's time to forget all of this and get excited once again, because the rock 'n' roll circus is coming back to town once again: the Rolling Stones are playing the Pontiac Silverdome Dec. 1.

It's their second Michigan appearance on their '94-'95 Voodoo Lounge tour. This very well could be your final chance to see these living legends in concert, but there are several more important reasons to pay the \$25 or \$50 and go. Put simply, this concert will be a textbook lesson in rock 'n' roll.

Pink Floyd gave the Stones a run for their money in ticket sales over the summer, but the Floyd show was about special effects and stuffy, plodding mood music. Live, the Stones deal exclusively in an earthy, blues-influenced rawness that is the essence of their art.

With energy

The Voodoo Lounge show positively kicks with energy for a solid two hours, so don't worry about getting your money's worth.

Then there are the weathered, wrinkled, been-there-rocked-it-Stones themselves. International playboy/vocalist Mick Jagger



Loungin' around: After a weekend of television appearances, The Rolling Stones will turn the Pontiac Silverdome into the Voodoo Lounge on Thursday, Dec. 1.

showed no signs of slowing back at the September show.

Yes, the lips are still huge. Yes, his butt was officially measured to be smaller than a postage stamp. The age lines may be visible, but Jagger's ability to sing, dance and generally work a crowd into a frenzy remains unchallenged. He is in incredible shape for a man half his age and in equally fine voice, so leave the Ben-Gay jokes at home.

Childhood friend and sometimes-bickering partner Keith Richards embodies the Stones' image. He comes out, guitar slung low, stalking the stage slowly, but by show's end is leaping and jerking around almost as much as Mick. His playing remains inspired: if your pulse doesn't quicken at the opening riff for "Jumping Jack Flash," you just might be clinically dead.

And parents, bring the kids; there is no finer role model for America's youth than Richards. The Telecasters, the skull ring . . . the mileage. He must be seen to be believed.

Then throw in the loveable antics and king-bee slide guitar of Ronnie Wood and impressively irreplaceable drummer Charlie Watts. There's not a dull one in the bunch.

The show's set list sticks mainly

to the '70s and the new album. A handful of tracks off the classic "Exile on Main Street" are sprinkled throughout, along with more intense cuts off "Voodoo Lounge," and favorites off 1978's "Some Girls." Almost every song played is or was a hit, from the recent "Love Is Strong" to massive crowd pleasers like "Shattered" and "Happy."

Changing play list

The Stones have stressed in recent interviews that the song list will change from show to show, so let's hope for more surprises. In September, "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" was one of the first songs played, sending the already-excited crowd completely over the top.

On Dec. 1 anything could happen. Maybe "Gimme Shelter" or "Wild Horses" will make the cut this time. In any case, here's hoping for "Angie." Just don't expect stage-diving or drum solos — let's be reasonable.

The stage on this tour lets the band interact with the audience more than the traditional stadium show. Two walkways allow Jagger up almost into the nosebleed seats on either side, and a catwalk high above the drums lets him get down in front of a massive video screen.

The futuristic set is a sight to behold, but should be seen mainly as something to look at and talk about as it looms ominously overhead during the Spin Doctors' opening set. Once the Stones begin playing, the stage will quickly become an afterthought.

Notoriously tricky for live music, the Silverdome will prove a daunting task for the Stones' sound crew. But don't let these facts affect your decision negatively. The Stones will make it up for you, I promise.

The official list of reasons you should go see the Stones on Dec. 1 goes on and on. Most importantly, it will be great fun, and this could be your last chance to experience the group known as the Greatest Rock 'n' Roll Band in the World live. But no one in the audience was getting depressed over sad goodbyes or farewell tours in East Lansing. They were all smiling and dancing and having too good a time. At least I think they were; once the Stones came on, I couldn't be bothered to check.

The Rolling Stones and The Spin Doctors play the Pontiac Silverdome, Pontiac, tonight, Dec. 1. For more information, call (810) 645-6666.

Skeleton Crew unplugs with its 'dig'

BY BOB SADLER
SPECIAL WRITER

The popularity of the "Unplugged" genre in rock music today, spawned in part by the MTV series of the same name, has resulted in phenomenal record sales for a diversity of artists ranging from Eric Clapton to the current chart-topping act Nirvana.

It's interesting that the acoustic, bare bones approach to music making has achieved such a widespread following, especially in light of the fact that a Royal Oak-based band named Skeleton Crew has been playing that way for about five years. They were "unplugged" before it was cool.

In spite of the band's acoustic approach, Skeleton Crew's music is tough to label. Even the members of the band couldn't completely agree.

Vocalist Bill Pilipchuk, whom you may remember from Bitter Sweet Alley during the early '80s, says the group's music is a blend of "the Beatles, Jacques Brel and Chicago blues." Bassist Chris Badynee prefers the term "alternative folk." Guitarist Scott Christy, son of famed Detroit radio personality Paul Christy and former sidekick on his father's old WKSG-FM morning show, struck a bit of a compromise.

Quite a Crew:

Skeleton Crew — Dan Hess (top row, from left), Chris Badynee, Greg Tyler, Bill Pilipchuk and Scott Christy (bottom, left) — will celebrate the release of their debut CD with a party and performance at the Gem Theatre in Detroit.



"Our songs always feature acoustic guitar, fretless bass, vocal harmonies and very poetic lyrics," Christy said. "If you have all those things, it's probably Skeleton Crew."

The group is doubly excited to be releasing their first album, "pre-historic dig!" this month. At the same time "Christmas in Detroit Too" hits the streets with a new Skeleton Crew tune called "Mary Christmas Was Her Name."

The follow-up to the successful 1992 benefit album "Christmas in Detroit," "Christmas in Detroit Too" was once again produced by Brian and Mark Pastoria, and Jimmy Romeo of DC Drive fame.

Besides Skeleton Crew, the other artists donating their time to the project include DC Drive, featuring Graham Strachan, the Detroit Blues Band, Michael Brock and Business as Usual II, Mitch Ryder with the Garfield Blues Band, Howling Diablos and Toni Booker to name a few.

Proceeds from the album will benefit The Dream Fund at the Center for Creative Studies, established in 1990 by columnist Mitch Albom to distribute arts scholarships to Detroit-area students.

"pre-historic dig!" — produced by Pilipchuk's

former Bitter Sweet Alley bandmate Gary Spaniola on his Baltic Records label — is a 12-song sampler of Skeleton Crew's melodic best that reaches out to many types of listeners.

"It was very hard putting this album together," Christy said. "We decided to make a record that embraced a whole variety of styles, including some ballads, some more pop-oriented songs and some rock songs."

While tracks like "Callilili" and "Kiss the World Goodbye" might be more radio friendly, a couple tracks on the album merit special attention. "Trumpeting Soul" is a bit of a departure, even for Skeleton Crew, with its jazzier arrangement, featuring the horn work of Detroit legend Johnny Trudell. And, of course, the album would not be complete without the inclusion of the Beatles' "I Am the Walrus."

"When we recorded 'Walrus,' it just turned out so hot that we had to put it on the record," said Pilipchuk whose Fab Four fixation permeates all of Skeleton Crew's music. "Some record people that we know told us it's a very honorable rendition."

"I wanted to sing it from the Walrus' perspective. I think that, even though he sang 'I am the Walrus,' John Lennon sang the song more from a perspective of an outsider looking at the Walrus."

"pre-historic dig!" is being shopped to major labels right now, but Skeleton Crew has a local record release party at the Gem Theatre in Detroit on the immediate horizon.

"We do have some label interest," Pilipchuk said. "But right now, we're hoping to show them that we know how to market the band — this is the look, the sound, etc. If we can't get airplay, that's what we think can put us over the top."

"Detroit radio has always been very good to us."

"Labels are not sinking a lot of money into new bands right now," Christy added. "But the success of a band like the Gin Blossoms, who kicked around the Arizona bar scene for so many years, encourages me."

Skeleton Crew will perform Thursday, Dec. 8, at 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Call (810) 589-3344. The official record release party for "pre-historic dig!" will be at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the Gem Theatre in Detroit. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Call (313) 963-9801 for more information.

The record release party for "Christmas in Detroit Too" will be at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Second City, 2305 Woodward Ave., Detroit. The album is available at all Harmony House locations and most independent record stores.

In Concert

Information on limited engagements only should be submitted two weeks in advance to: Christina - Faoro, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. The venues' complete street addresses and phone numbers with area codes must be included.

Thursday, Dec. 1

CHARRI FARM
Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (pop rock)
(810) 334-1999

GLADYS KNIGHT
Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (R&B)
(313) 396-7600

MIKE NOLAN
Lead singer of Tearjerkers does acoustic show at Grounds Coffeehouse, University of Detroit Mercy campus, 4001 W. McNichols, Detroit. (acoustic)
(313) 993-1245

CLUB MARS DANCE NIGHT
with DJ John Quigley at Magic Bag Theatre Cafe, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale.
(810) 544-3030

JOHN HAMBROD
The Ark, 637 1/2 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (blues)
(313) 761-1800

THE SHINDIG
Stoyans, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. (oldies)
(313) 261-5500

CRAW
With Philo Beddow and Wheat at Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. (alternative rock)
(313) 996-8555

BLUE SPIRIT TRIBE
Chrissy's, 101 N. Main, Mount Clemens. (blues)
(810) 463-4330

Friday, Dec. 2

YOUNG MESSIAH TOUR
Featuring Sandi Patty, Carman, 4 Him, Twila Paris, Steve Green, Wayne Watson, Ron Kenoly, Point of Grace, Clay Crosse, Babbie Mason, First Call, Wes King and a 40-piece orchestra at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 1-75 and Lapeer Road, Auburn Hills. (Christian)
(810) 377-0100

"BLACK BOX"
Dance night featuring ex-Sheiter bartender Dan K. at the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (alternative)
(313) 963-7680

ROBERT NOLL
Speakeasy, 31410 Ford Road, Garden City. (blues)
(313) 425-7373

EYEBLEAR
Club Heil, 19106 N. Woodward Ave., Detroit. (punk pop)
(313) 368-9687

MARUSA
Alvin's, 5756 Cass, Detroit.
(313) 832-2355

EDWIN BARE
with Ties at Studio Lounge, 8921 Wayne Road, Westland. (rock)
(313) 729-2540

MR. CHARLIE
Planet Art Coffeehouse, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. (folk)
(313) 365-4948

EDDIE BRIFEN
Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit.
(313) 963-7680

KENNY ROGERS
with Billy Dean at Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (country)
(313) 396-7600

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS
Sports, 166 Maple, Wyandotte. (blues)
(313) 285-5060

CHISEL BROS. WITH THORNETTA DAVIS
Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (R&B)
(313) 581-3650

ROBERT PENN
Metro Musicafe, 2917 Bidde, Wyandotte. (blues)
(313) 282-8900

LOVE SPIT LOVE
Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (alternative rock)
(810) 334-1999

METRO GRASS
The Ark, 637 1/2 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. (bluegrass)
(313) 761-1800

TILES
Studio Lounge, 6821 Wayne Road, Westland. (rock)
(313) 729-2540

BENNY GREEN TRIO
Celebrate release of Blue Note CD "The Place to Be" with performance and party at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. (jazz)
(313) 662-8310

WILD SHEEPHERDERS
The Heidelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor. (country)
(313) 663-7758

THE SHINDIG
Stoyans, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. (oldies)
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Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor.
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THE ONIONS
With The Sumthings at Griffs Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac.
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Saturday, Dec. 3

JOE JACKSON
With The Murrurs at State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (rock/pop)
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ROBERT NOLL
Speakeasy, 31410 Ford Road, Garden City. (blues)
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PETS OR MEAT
Celebrates CD release, with special guest Red Tree, at Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (rock)
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AMERICAN MUSIC CLUB
With Ass Ponys at Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. (pop rock)
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(313) 996-8555

JAMES WARREN
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MICHAEL HILL'S BLUES MOB
Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. (blues)
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MIKE NOLAN
Lead singer of Tearjerkers does acoustic show at Planet Art Coffeehouse, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck.
(313) 365-4948

KENNY ROGERS
with Billy Dean at Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (country)
(313) 396-7600

MAGGIE ESTEP
with I Love Everybody at Club Heil, 19106 N. Woodward Ave., Detroit. (spoken word)
(313) 368-9687

SOUPORASONS
The Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (alternative rock)
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Gerardo (Mark Rademacher) is a successful attorney who has just been appointed to a commission to investigate human rights violations by the past regime. Fifteen years ago his wife Paulina (Anne Capron), then his girlfriend and a dissident university student, was kidnapped, raped, starved and tortured by that regime. Though she was released, Paulina's nerves have never recovered and her heart and soul are still captive. She despairs that the new commission will care only about those who died or permanently disappeared, not those who survived.

Following a chance encounter with Gerardo, Dr. Miranda (David Regal) is now a house guest. From his voice and key expressions, Paulina recognizes him as the doctor who supervised her torture. When she has him bound, gagged, and held at gunpoint, revenge is at hand, but now she must decide what will actually satisfy her. Also, she must convince her husband that she isn't mistaken, hasn't gone mad, and won't irreparably damage his career.

REVIEW

Regal, a long-time virtuoso in Detroit-area theater, is a consummate actor whose deep, rich voice would be mesmerizing if he were reciting the phone book. He fully captures his character's complexities — his initially hiding his fear of discovery behind vehement denunciation of the old government, his vacillations behind real fear for his life and outrage at his "mistaken identity" and brutal treatment.

The heaviest weight of making the drama works falls to Paulina, and Capron is magnificent in the role. Her initial edginess, her re-

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"Death and the Maiden"

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Drama: Anne Capron (left to right), Mark Rademacher and David Regal in a scene from "Death and the Maiden."

ly, particularly in the decision to eliminate the intermission. The result is a much-heightened dramatic intensity that leaves the audience gasping at the final fade-out.

Dorothy Smith's set design and Mark Berg's lighting work beautifully except for the final scene, when lights bouncing off the mirrored panels nearly blind some in the audience. The ever-present

sound of the waves crashing against the beach outside is a nice reflection of the turbulent emotions on stage, but having Dr. Miranda wear dark glasses at midnight to suggest his shady character is definitely overkill.

Barbara Michals is an inveterate playgoer who regularly catches up on all the New York productions.

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Port Austin is a great getaway any time of year

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
SPECIAL WRITER

When cold weather arrives, most people head for the sun. Others head for the Thumb.

The Thumb, of course, is the descriptive name for northeastern part of Michigan's lower peninsula. And Port Austin, located at the tip of the Thumb, is a great place for a weekend getaway because it offers shopping, fine dining and a whole lot of nature.

This resort village on Lake Huron is just a two- to three-hour trip from Detroit's western suburbs. In fact, just as the kids get restless in the car, you've arrived at this haven for fishermen. (Perch and salmon are among the wealth of catches available in Lake Huron.)

You can break up the ride to or from Port Austin.

Stop in Bad Axe, on M-53, which bisects the Thumb, for some great family shopping. The Huron County seat offers Norman's, located just south of town on M-53, where last year's overstocks of clothing can be snapped up for just a few dollars. (And do take cash or a credit card. Norman's will not accept checks.)

Right in Bad Axe, and also on M-53, is a wonderful little "junk" store called The Jungle. This establishment carries resale items and finds, like inexpensive, but attractive jewelry, a vast assortment of sunglasses, seasonal items and other assorted things.

If you're looking for "the good stuff," go 17 miles north to your final destination, Port Austin. Right in the center of town, on Lake Street, is the Porthole, a small gift shop that carries an-

tiques, unusual and quality new wares and hand-fashioned (versus the more common "handmade") items, like quilts, decorated denim clothing and wreaths.

The Porthole's proprietress, Sharon Upthegrove, makes browsing in this shop an even more enjoyable experience (just looking at the stock is a treat) by offering friendly words and helpful and expedient service. (This shop will be open weekends until Christmas, then closed until April).

After shopping, Port Austin visitors can enjoy a number of natural and man-made attractions, starting with the many public parks. A family favorite is Bird Creek County Park that's within the village limits. Gazebos and a boardwalk with cutouts for seating and covered picnic shelters provide a view of the lake and

harbor at this park.

For year-round recreation, Port Crescent State Park, five miles west of Port Austin on M-25, is the place to visit. In addition to offering almost 200 modern campsites, day visitors can swim during summer months, view nature close up from hiking trails most of the year, or enjoy cross-country skiing on groomed trails during the winter — including candle-lit trails on certain days. For further information on Port Crescent State Park, call (517) 738-8663.

No matter what a visitor does in Port Austin, if it's near the beach it's combined with fantastic views of natural shoreline, outstanding sunsets and the tranquility of the sounds of the lake.

All this fresh air can make you hungry, and Port Austin has the perfect solution in its three world-class restaurants.

Both the Garfield Inn (a favorite summer retreat of President James Garfield) and The Bank 1884, fashionable eateries just a few steps from each other on Lake Street, share the honor of being National Historic Sites. They also share the distinction of offering fine cuisine in comfortable surroundings.

The Garfield, at (517) 738-5254, is open year round. The Bank, at (517) 738-5254, however, closes during winter months when owners Anthony Berry (a teacher) and Marilyn Berry (a librarian) concentrate on their other profes-



Excellent view: Port Austin, perched on Lake Huron at the tip of the Thumb, offers long stretches of beach, including the 800-feet of beachfront in Bird Creek County Park.

sions. The newest entry in fine food — specifically "Cuisine of the Heartland" — is The Farm, owned by Jeff and Pam Gabriel and located west of town on Port Crescent Road. Jeff is a certified master chef and an instructor in the culinary arts program at Schoolcraft College. The Farm, at (517) 874-5700, also has seasonal hours.

For hearty appetites with modest budgets, there's Chuck & Jane's on State Street. The food is inexpensive, abundant and tasty (try the breakfast specials and homemade cinnamon rolls.)

Lodging is just as important as food. Port Austin offers a number of accommodations, including

motels, cottages and camp sites. One of the oldest and most popular refuges is Lakeside Resort Motel, at (517) 738-5201, on Lake Street. It is owned by Dottie and Charlie Parks, whose father opened a livery on the site in 1926. Patrons back then paid 10 cents to feed and water their horses.

For those who like bed and breakfast accommodations, there's The Green Apple Inn (517) 738-8495 and The Garfield Inn (517) 738-5254, to name a few.

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Wish you were here

Good eatin': Mary Jane and Emil Fava of Westland took their granddaughter Emily, and their Westland Observer, to Port Austin recently. Not only did the Favas take in the Port Austin Level factory, they also ate dinner at the Farm House restaurant. Emily's mom, Doreen, took the photo.

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PLYMOUTH SPORTS SCENE

Head start

Now if only the remainder of his collegiate career can match the start.

James Head, the 6-foot-6 all-state forward from Plymouth Salem, opened his playing career for Eastern Michigan's basketball team by playing 10 minutes in the Eagles' season-opener Monday — a 72-62 win over St. Joseph's.

Head's first shot was a three-pointer, and he connected. He also hit his second shot, finishing with five points (making both his floor shots) and a rebound.

His start sounded somewhat familiar to his finish at Salem. Against Detroit Pershing in the state regionals, Head also scored five points, but converted just 2-of-9 from the field.

But that was then. His start with the Eagles bodes well for Head's future.

Basketball sign-up

Registration for the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association is scheduled for Saturday at different sites for boys and girls. The league is open to all students ninth through 12th grades who are in the Plymouth-Canton school district plus any student residing in Canton Township.

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Anyone wishing to submit items for Sports Scene may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or can FAX them to (313) 591-7279.

Canton reaches Final Four



To the hoop: Which is where Amicie Crayton is headed, right around Central's Jaclyn Pilkiewicz. Such trips — Crayton scored 11 points — helped guide Canton to the state semifinals.

Never count Plymouth Canton out, particularly during the state tournament. A Bob Blohm-coached team always seems to find a way. Which the Chiefs did in Tuesday's state quarterfinals against Walled Lake Central.

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER



Here's a statistic for you: Three of Plymouth Canton's six games in the state girls basketball tournament have been against teams the Chiefs lost to during the regular season.

Canton won all three rematches. The latest came in Tuesday's quarterfinal against Western Lakes Activities Association foe — and champion — Walled Lake Central, which had beaten Canton 63-49 Oct. 25 at Canton. This time, however, it was the Chiefs with a 14-point victory: 49-35 at Walled Lake Western.

The victory propels the Chiefs to their third Final Four appearance in the past six seasons. Canton plays Flint Northern (23-2) in a Class A semifinal at 1 p.m. today at Battle Creek's Kellogg Center.

A win puts the Chiefs into Saturday's championship game, 2 p.m. at Kellogg.

This rematch victory was easily the most surprising of all (the others came against Plymouth Salem in the district semifinals and Birmingham Merian in the regional finals). Central, which finishes with a 23-3 mark, had nearly all factors in its

See CHEFS, 2C

Reloaded

Salem plans return to title hunt

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

When a team loses three starters and its sixth man — including one of the state's premier players — there is cause for concern.

But Plymouth Salem coach Bob Brodie isn't expecting much sympathy from his fellow basketball coaches in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"Everybody will still want to beat Salem," said Brodie. Then he added the reason why: "We can challenge all of 'em. We'll be in the thick of it again."

When weren't the Rocks in the thick of it would be an easier question to answer. They finished 19-3 last season, reaching the state regionals before losing to Willie Mitchell-led Detroit Pershing 45-32.

The biggest loss is, of course, James Head. The 6-foot-6 all-stater is now a freshman playing for Eastern Michigan.

"We're James-less for the first time in four years," said Brodie.

Also gone are guard Sanjay Seth and forward Harold Shanks, both starters, and sixth man Joe Measel.

It's a lot to replace, but Brodie believes he has all the right parts — starting with returnees Doug Herriman, a 5-10 senior point guard, and James McDonald, a 6-4 senior forward. Both were starters last season.

Brodie called Herriman, who averaged four points a game as a junior, "one of the best guards around as far as quickness, speed and defensive ability." He expects McDonald, who averaged 10 points a game last season, to provide even more offense. "He runs the floor real well," Brodie said.

Size won't be a problem, that's certain. There are three other seniors who saw action last season, and two of them stand 6-6: Dan McKian and Dave Bol. Both figure to be in the starting lineup.

So does Justin Marota, a 6-9 senior who Brodie thinks will give the Rocks one of the best starting lineups at guard. "He has great quickness," the Salem coach said of Marota, who played extensively last season.

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Senior guard Nate Ledbetter, sophomore guard Nate Gray (both 6-foot) and sophomore forward Andre's Lopez (6-2) will play a lot, too. Then there's juniors Ryan Andrzejewski, a 6-1 guard; Kirk Craggs, a 6-3 forward; and Andy Makins, a 6-0 guard.

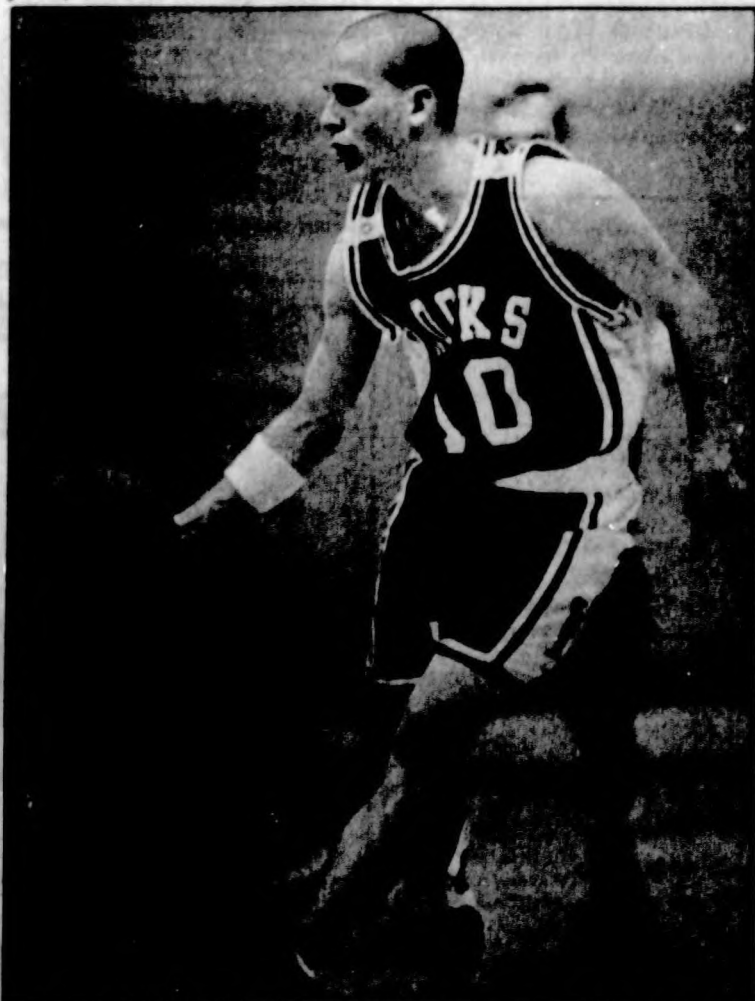
"So we've got some guys with some game base," said Brodie. "It's just a matter of how they jell."

Head's offensive skills and rebounding will be hardest to replace, but Brodie thinks his current crop can score. "Any one of those four (McDonald, Herriman, Marois, McKian) could do it for us," he said. "I hope they all do — we'll have a helluva season."

Still, Salem's season could hinge on how well it does the small things. "We're going to have to rely on a lot of hustle and quickness," said Brodie. "We run the floor pretty well, we've got some size. We'll make people play."

"It's not like we just fell off the table."

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Floor leader: Doug Herriman returns at point guard for Salem, and coach Bob Brodie feels he could be one of the best in the area.

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favor size, better interior offense, and superior outside shooting.

The only advantage Canton had was in quickness, and that wasn't by much. The task facing the Chiefs was simple but imposing: push the defense up to a disruptive level and keep the taller Vikings off the board.

They did both. "Their defense," was what Central coach Ken Butler attributed his team's defeat to. "They just took us out of the game. They took us out of everything we wanted to do."

What the Vikings would have liked to do was have a chance to set up its offense inside, with 6-foot-2 Becky Cummings, 6-0 Jessica Regentin and 5-8 Jaclyn Pilekiewicz.

But Canton's Amicie Crayton, Melissa Marzolf and Jackie Nicastro pressured the ball relentlessly throughout the game, and it took its toll. Central was weary from just getting the ball up the floor, finding an open shot inside, with 5-10 Sarah Warnke diving on any ball (loose or otherwise), proved equally tiring.

Which not only disrupted the offense but hurt Central's defensive efforts, too.

In short, the Chiefs' ability to

implement their game plan allowed them to dictate terms.

"We knew we had to stop their inside game," Warnke, who scored a season-high 20 points, said. The difference between this meeting and their regular-season match: "We were more prepared this time. We watched our tapes, we watched Salem's tapes (of Central) ... we were more focused this time."

"We all had a lot of heart. We all wanted to go to Battle Creek."

Which points to the superior job of coaching Bob Blohm has done with Canton this season. Four starters graduated from last year's team, and still the Chiefs have reached the Final Four.

Certainly Blohm's strategy for Central was absorbed. The Chiefs' suffocating defense forced 14 first-half turnovers and limited the Vikings to 8-of-25 shooting from the floor (32 percent).

The game's turning point came in the final 5:03 of the second quarter. Kristi Fiorenzi's basket gave Canton a 16-14 lead at that point and helped sustain a 13-2 run to end the half, with the Chiefs up 25-16.

The momentum continued into the third quarter. Central was limited to five points, while Can-

ton put up 15; the 40-21 lead proved far too large to overcome.

Central did show a bit of its offensive prowess in the fourth quarter, going more aggressively to the basket and outscoring the Chiefs 14-9. But for the game only Cummings managed to reach double figures in scoring — she had 11. Next highest was Pilekiewicz with eight.

Crayton joined Warnke in doubles for Canton, netting 11 points. Fiorenzi totaled 10 points, 11 rebounds and five steals. Warnke also had seven rebounds and four steals.

"I thought we defended really good today," said Blohm of his 19-6 squad. "And they didn't get any second shots."

Blohm agreed the second quarter was the difference. "Our kids had a great second quarter. At halftime, everyone thought 'We proved we can defend these people. Now let's go out and keep it up (in the second half).'"

The Chiefs did that, limiting Central to 8-of-26 shooting in the second half (31 percent) while making 8-of-23 (35 percent) — enough to maintain their advantage.

And enough to get them to Battle Creek.



BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Celebration: The way the Chiefs played Tuesday, one might think there was a loose ball on the floor. The emotional explosion had to be cut short, however, with a state semifinal 36 hours away.

Salem's Clack heads to Coastal Carolina

Jenny Clack finished her illustrious tennis career at Plymouth Salem by being named to the all-state Class A team for the third year in a row after finishing third in singles at the state tournament.

What was Clack rewarded for her efforts?

The Salem standout announced that she will take her tennis talents to the beaches of South Carolina.

"I've decided to attend Coastal Carolina and live on the beach," Clack told the Observer Tuesday.

"I've got to get away from this Michigan weather."

Clack chose the Division II school in Conway, S.C. because of its fine tennis program and the warm weather. She had her choices narrowed down to Coastal Carolina, North Florida and North Carolina-Wilmington.

"I'll be living on a beach in Myrtle Beach, which is just about five miles away from campus," Clack said. "Focusing on tennis won't be a problem."

Clack's career as a Rock began with her achieving all-state hon-



JIM JAGFIELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

All-state: Salem's Jenny Clack earned top honors after reaching the Class A Tournament semifinals.

orable mention as a freshman. She improved on her rookie performance with two all-state selections, and picked up her third honor this season by finishing 24-2.

Clack's only two losses this season were to fellow all-staters Cara Eisner of Ann Arbor Pioneer and her good friend, Tarah Elkins of Birmingham Seaholm.

"It's always nice to see your name and picture in the paper," she said. "But this year's award did mean more because I finished

seventh last year and improved to third this season.

"I think I improved my ground strokes, stayed focused better and improved on my basic game this season."

Salem coach Judy Braun said Clack will be missed.

"Jenny is definitely one of the best players I've ever coached, right behind Chris and Wendy Gilles (who played 10 years ago)," Braun said. "Jenny has all the strokes, and she's physically very strong."

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Still, the Rocks remain in the toughest of the WLAA's divisions — the Lakes. Brodie believes Walled Lake Central and Westland John Glenn will both be title-hunting. Salem should be there, too. In the Western Division, there doesn't appear to be

anyone capable of unseating defending league champ Plymouth Canton.

By February, those four should still be battling for overall supremacy. It doesn't figure to be an easy fight.

THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE SEMIFINALS

CLASS A at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena

Thursday, Dec. 1: Plymouth Canton (19-6) vs. Flint Northern (23-2), 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the state championship final, 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

CLASS C at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena

Friday, Dec. 2: Redford Bishop Borgess (24-2) vs. McBain (24-1), 7:50 p.m. (Winner advances to the state championship final, 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

PREF HOCKEY

Friday, Dec. 2

Liv. Franklin vs. Liv. Churchill at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 Liv. Stevenson vs. Midford High at Lakeland Ice Arena, 6:30 p.m. Redford CC vs. Windsor (Ont.) Brennan at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

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Long trip worth it; Borgess in semis

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

The Redford Bishop Borgess girls basketball players gave Tuesday's trip to Michigan a thumbs up.

The 2½ hour bus ride ended at Sandusky High School's beautiful two-year-old gym, where the Spartans met Goodrich in a rematch of last year's Class C state playoff quarterfinal game.

The defending Class C champion Spartans controlled the tempo, even in the half-court, and finished Goodrich's season with a 60-36 victory before a mostly Martians crowd.

Borgess senior center Marrie DuBose relaxed on the way up listening to the country/western

BASKETBALL

music of Reba McIntyre on her headset, then scored 12 points and led the Spartans' dominance on the boards.

Sandusky's spacious gym was a less-hostile environment than the one DuBose and her teammates played in last year when Goodrich hosted the quarterfinals at its packed gym.

Borgess led 32-23 after three quarters before outscoring the Martians 14-2 to start the fourth quarter.

"It wasn't as big a crowd and our team was really focused," DuBose said. "Last year, they played us tough, there were a couple bad

officials, and they really went after the ball hard. We had to play harder than them."

Borgess advances to the Final Four to meet McBain (24-1), a 90-55 winner over Iron Mountain, in Friday's 7:50 p.m. semifinal at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

The championship game is 6 p.m. Saturday.

Borgess led Goodrich, 13-11, after one quarter and the Spartans surprised the Martians by going to a 1-3-1 zone defense after taking a six-point lead midway through the second quarter.

Borgess stayed in the zone throughout the second half.

"When they went to a 1-3-1 and we were only down four or six, I thought that was a 'blessing in disguise,' because that's the tempo we wanted," Goodrich coach David Semenas said. "I thought

we had a lot of open shots, but the ball was not going in the hoop. They are a great team, very composed, and will do whatever it takes to win — even play a 1-3-1 zone."

The zone created a trap in the corner by DuBose and junior guard Maxann Reese on Goodrich's top player, sophomore guard Carrie Nance.

Nance, who made a shot before the halftime buzzer to cut the deficit to 23-17, led the Martians with 12 points but was only three for 12 from the field in the second half.

Junior point guard Adriane Bryant sparked the Spartans' fast break in the second half and had a game-high 18 points. Reese finished with 10 points and sophomore center Candice Finley added seven points.

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BILL PARKER

My phone was buzzing with successful hunter calls when I returned from vacation Monday. Although I think we're still behind the record pace of some 40 calls set in 1989, we are making headway. Plus, there's a lot of hunting left before the 1994 deer season comes to an end Jan. 1.

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Now, on with those successful hunter reports:

There are streaks and then there are **STREAKS**. John McCormick's run of luck qualifies as the latter.

Much like Lou Gehrig's impressive **STREAK** of playing in 2,130 consecutive baseball games, McCormick is in the midst of quite an impressive **STREAK** of his own.

The 35-year-old Birmingham resident took his 21st buck in a row on opening day of the 1994 firearms deer season.

"I was sweating it out this year," admitted McCormick, who was hunting near St. Helen in Roscommon County. "There were 16 of us in camp and only two of us got deer."

Hunting from a blind in a field surrounded by hardwoods, McCormick dropped a spike horn at 8:45 a.m. on Nov. 15.

McCormick has been hunting with a gun for 22 years and he has

taken a buck each of the last 21 years. His biggest to date is a 10-point.

"I got two nice 10-points about 10 years ago," explained McCormick. "I said to myself, 'The next big one I get I'll have mounted,' and I haven't got any big ones since."

"Lenny Tillards was the other lucky hunter in McCormick's party. Hunting in an oak ridge near St. Helen, Tillards shot a 3-point buck on Nov. 16.

"Bob Branton, of Farmington Hills, shot a 140-pound, 4-point with his bow on Oct. 30. Branton was hunting from a tree stand in Tuscola County between a swamp and a weed/cut corn field.

In late July, Branton took a trip to Colorado to bowhunt for pronghorn antelope. After three days of hunting in a pit blind near a water hole in 100-degree temperatures, Branton arrowed a Pope and Young buck with a 22-

yard shot. The buck scored 69 points.

"Greg Kozell doesn't let a disability detract from his hunting. A Vietnam veteran suffering the effects of Agent Orange, Kozell "has a tough time getting around sometimes", according to Branton, his brother-in-law. Kozell was afield with Branton during the archery season, and although he didn't get a shot at a deer, he was able to connect on a grouse with his crossbow.

On opening day of the firearms season, Kozell shot a doe in Tuscola County with a 12 ga. shot gun.

"Andy Harper shot a button buck with his bow on Oct. 5 in Oakland County.

"The Crandell family had a great firearms deer season. Hunting at the Silverwolf Ranch as guests of Marilyn Plank of Franklin, Barney Crandell, his sons Bill and Jon and Bill's 14-year-old

son Billy each bagged a buck by the third day of the season.

Barney, a Birmingham resident, broke in his birthday present by taking a 6-point buck opening morning.

"My sons made a 4x4 plywood blind for me for my birthday," said Crandell. "We set it up in an open area on the edge of mixed pines and popples." Crandell took the buck with a 70-yard shot at 7:40 a.m.

Barney's son Bill dropped a 4-point at 11 a.m. Nov. 15 while hunting along the edge of a river bed.

Having not seen a deer from his blind on opening day, Billy took over his dad's blind along the river bed and shot a 6-point at 5:10 p.m. on Nov. 18th.

Jon, of Rochester Hills, decided to stake out the same blind Bill and Billy had used and shot his biggest buck ever, an 8-point, at 11 a.m. on Nov. 17th.

"There were 12 hunters in

camp (at the Silverwolf) and we

killed nine deer in the first three days of the season," Barney said.

"Plymouth Canton's Mike Maloney took a 145-pound spike on opening day in Wexford County. Hunting in a swamp near Masick, Maloney tagged a buck with 9-inch tines at 8:30 on opening day. It was the third buck he has taken from the same blind in eight years.

"Troy's Dave Rollings has taken 16 bucks in his hunting career, but none have been as big as the one he shot opening day of the firearms season in Ontonagon County. Hunting from a field on the edge of a swamp, Rollings dropped an 8-point that dressed out at 220 pounds.

"I had one other guy there to help me drag him out," said Rollings. "We struggled for a while, but we had a plastic toboggan. We used it in the snow before. We didn't have the snow this year, but it still helped a lot."

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

FISHING CLUBS

■ **FOUR SEASONS**

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City, 477-3816. Bob "Hang Man" Mitchell will be the featured speaker at the January meeting. Mitchell will cover the basics of ice fishing including the latest equipment, techniques, safety and local hot spots.

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A Barter Free Facility for the Handicapped

CATHOLIC

ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Society of St. Ann - Traditional Latin Mass
23310 Joy Road - Redford, Michigan
4 Blocks E. of Telegraph - (513)554-2121
Priest's Phone (810) 784-9511

Mass Schedule:
Fri. 7:00 p.m.
Sat. 9:00 a.m.
Sun. 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Mon. 11:00 a.m.

Confession Heard Prior to Each Mass

Faith Covenant Church
Making Faith a Way of Life

Sunday School For All Ages 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Night Activities
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Youth 7:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

26415 W. 14 Mile Road (at Drake Road)
Farmington Hills
810-661-9191
Rev. Dawn Engstrom - Rev. David Herson

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
1160 Penniman Ave.
Plymouth - 453-0326
Rev. John J. Sullivan

Masses: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 A.M., Sat. 5:00 P.M.
Sunday 8:00, 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST

MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Christian Church)
29475 Five Mile Rd. 494-4722

MARK McOLIVRE, Minister
Paul Purvitus, Youth Minister

BIBLE SCHOOL (all ages) 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Morning worship - 9:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Adult Worship & Young Groups 6:30 p.m.

REBURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Richard A. Parfetto, Pastor
48001 Warren Rd. Canton, Michigan 48187
313-451-0444

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Our Lady of Providence Chapel
10115 South Rd. (near 24th between Five and Six Mile Aves.)

KEANWOOD CHURCH of CHRIST
(Christian Church)
20800 Morvinn Road 476-8222

MICHAEL HAZELTON, Minister
Ray Sanders, Youth Minister

BIBLE SCHOOL (all ages) 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Morning worship - 9:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Adult Worship & Young Groups 6:30 p.m.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

PLYMOUTH SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
& SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST ACADEMY Grades 1-4
4800 Harper Road - Plymouth
Worship Services

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Bible Study 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Midweek by Worship 6:30-8:00-9:00
School 4:00-5:00

CHRISTADELPHIANS
Sunday
Memorial Service 10:00 A.M.
Bible Class
Wednesday 6:00 P.M.
30000 Parkdale, Livonia - 495-7010

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Brightmoor Tabernacle
Assemblies of God • Calvin C. Ratz, pastor
26555 Franklin Rd., Southfield, MI (1-996 & Telegraph - West of Holiday Inn) • 552-6200
9:15 a.m. Family Sunday School Hour • Wednesday 7:00 p.m. "Family Night"

December 4th
10:30 a.m. "Our Great Shepherd"
6:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Musical Presentation:
"The Late Great Potemkin"

LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
14175 Farmington Rd. (Just N. of I-96) • Livonia
Church • 522-6830 School/Day Care • 513-8413

Rev. Luther A. Werth, Pastor
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m.

"Advent Service"
December 4th 7:00 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD
High & Elm Streets, Northville
T. Luback, Pastor
L. Kinne, Associate Pastor
Church 349-3140 - School 349-3146
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Wednesday Worship 7:30 p.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD
25630 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DALY
532-2266 REDFORD TWP.

Worship Service
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
Nursery Provided

Rev. Victor F. Halboth, Pastor
Rev. Timothy Halboth, Assoc. Pastor

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN Church & School 5885 Venoy
1 1/2 Mi. N. of Ford Rd., Westland 425-0280

Divine Worship 8 & 11:00 A.M.
Bible Class & SS 9:30 A.M.
Monday Evening Service 7:30 P.M.
Ralph Fischer, Pastor
Gary D. Headapohl, Associate Pastor

HOSANNA-TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
9670 Levene • So. Redford • 937-2424
Rev. Glenn Kopper, Rev. Lawrence Witto

WORSHIP WITH US
Sunday Morning 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Monday Evening 7:00 P.M.
Adult Bible Class 9:45 A.M.
Christian School - Pre-School-8th Grade
Mrs. Pat Sadler 937-2233

Risen Christ Lutheran
46250 Ann Arbor Road
(1 Mile West of Sheldon)
Plymouth - 453-5252
Worship Service 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Family Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
K. M. Mehrl, Pastor
Hugh McMartin, Lay Minister

LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Churches WISCONSIN LUTHERAN RADIO HOUR
WCAR 1090 SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

In Livonia

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
17810 Farmington Road
Pastors Carl Pagel & James Hoff
261-1360

WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School & Bible Classes 9:45

In Redford Township
Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Church
15750 Kinloch
Pastor Gregory Gibbons • 532-8655
Worship Services
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
20805 Middlebelt corner of 8 Mile & Middlebelt
Farmington Hills, Mich.

WORSHIP SERVICES
Sundays Evening 8 a.m.
Sunday Morning 9:15 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45

Pastor Ralph E. Unger • 474-0679

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth
1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Evening Testimony Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Reading Room - 445 S. Harvey, Plymouth
Open M-S 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Fri. 7-9 p.m.
453-1676

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Timothy Lutheran Church
8820 Wayne Rd.
(Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road)
Livonia • 427-2290
Sunday Services 9:00 & 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School 9:00 A.M.
Rev. Mary T. Olivanti, Pastor
261-0766

Worship Together

Canton Community Church
The Agape Trust for a New Generation
Meeting at Plymouth-Canton High School's Little Theater on Canton Center Rd.
Part of The Willow Creek Association

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Nursery Provided
Active Children's & Teens Ministry
Care Groups & Discipleship Ministries
Eric Moore-Pastor 455-6022

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Nursery Provided
Active Children's & Teens Ministry
Care Groups & Discipleship Ministries
Eric Moore-Pastor 455-6022

PENTECOSTAL

CHRISTIAN HARMONY MINISTRIES
24230 West McNichols
2 Blocks West of Telegraph
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Friday Praise and Worship 7:00 p.m.
Pastor Donna Lech 532-1090

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

TRICITY CHRISTIAN CENTER
MICHIGAN AVE & HANNAN RD
1 LIGHT EAST OF I-275
SUN 8:15A, 11:00A, 6:00P
326-0330

FULL GOSPEL CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH
291 E. SPRING ST.
2 Blocks N. of Main - 2 Blocks E. of Mt
SUNDAY
Bible School 10:30 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
(Nursery Provided in A.B.)
Pastor Frank Howard - Ch. 453-0323

OW!

Life got you down?
Then this Sunday find
the strength to get
back on your feet
again.

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
36500 Ann Arbor Trail
422-0149
Worship Services & Sunday School
9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

December 4th
"Mary Elizabeth and the Magnificat"
Rev. Melanie Lee Carey preaching
Ministers:
Dr. Gilson M. Miller
Rev. Melanie L. Carey

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
(Redford Twp.)
10000 BEECH DALY ROAD
Between Plymouth and West Chicago
Redford, MI 48239 937-3170

Worship 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Childrens Sunday School 11:00 A.M.
Informal Chapel Worship
Sat. 8:00 p.m.

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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
5 Miles W. of Sheldon Rd.
From M-14 take Gottfredson Rd. South

Worship Services
8:15 a.m. Prayer & Praise Service
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
9:30 A.M.

Dr. Wm. C. Moore - Pastor
Rev. Wm. Branham - Associate Pastor
Nursery Provided
Phone 459-9550

Wood Presbyterian Church
17000 Farmington Road
Livonia 422-1150

Worship Services
Sunday School
8:00, 9:15, 10:45 A.M.
and 12:05 P.M.
Evening Service 7:00 P.M.

Nursery Provided
Shuttle Service
Service Broadcast
11:00 A.M.
WUFL-AM 1030

CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE

PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
45801 W. Ann Arbor Road - (313) 453-1525
Sun. BIBLE STUDY & WORSHIP - 9:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.
Ladies Ministries - Tues. - 9:30 A.M.
FAMILY NIGHT - Wed. 7:00 P.M.
J. Mark Barnes, Pastor
NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN: 455-3196

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

NATIVITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
9435 Henry Road at West Chicago
Livonia 48150 • 421-5486

Rev. Donald Lineman, Pastor
9:15 a.m. Church School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Nursery Care Available
-WELCOME-

PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.)
Hubbard at W. Chicago • Livonia • 422-0494

Worship and Church School
10:30 Worship & Sunday School
Church School, Infants, Kindergarten

Rev. Richard I. Peters
Rev. Ruth Billington

ST. TIMOTHY CHURCH
16700 Newburgh Road
Livonia • 464-8844

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. All Ages
Family Worship 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Janet Noble
A Creative Christ Centered Congregation

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Main & Church - (313) 453-6464
PLYMOUTH

Services 9:00 & 11:00 AM
Church School & Nursery 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Dr. James Skimins Leland L. Seese, Jr.
Senior Minister Associate Minister
Philip Rodgers, Magge Minister Emeritus
Accessible to All

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
5835 Sheldon Rd., Canton
474-3444
(313) 488-0013

Sunday Worship & Church School
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Education For All Ages

Childcare Provided - Handicapped Accessible
Resources for Hearing and Sight Impaired

INTER-DENOMINATIONAL

AGAPE CHRISTIAN CENTER
41550 E. Ann Arbor Trail
Plymouth, Michigan 48170
(313) 459-8240

Sunday Worship - 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday - Family Night - 7:00 p.m.
Nursery & Children's Ministry at All Services

"A church ministering to today's needs"

Mark B. Moore, Pastor Agape Christian Academy - K through 12

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST
30000 Six Mile Rd. (Bet. Merriman & Middlebelt)
Chuck Sonquist, Pastor

10:00 A.M. Worship & Church School
11:15 A.M. Adult Study Classes
Nursery Provided - 422-6038

UNITED METHODIST

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
29887 West Eleven Mile Road
Just West of Middlebelt
476-8860
Farmington Hills
9:15 and 11:00 a.m.
Worship, Church School & Nursery

December 4th
"Dec. 4 - What a Day!"
Pastor Karen B. Poole

Pastor Richard B. Peacock
Pastor Karen B. Poole
Rev. Robert Bough
Rev. William Frayer

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST
20300 Middlebelt Rd. - Livonia
474-3444
Rev. James Kummer, Pastor

Worship Services
8:45 & 11:15 A.M., 6:00 P.M.
Church School 10:00 AM
Wednesday Enrichment
Dinner at 6:00, Classes at 7:00
Nursery Provided

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Indian visits school

Reg Pettibone, a Winnebago Indian from Livonia, gave Miller Elementary School fourth- and fifth-graders a glimpse of native American culture last week.

Pettibone, who grew up on a reservation in Black River Falls, Wis., showed the students artifacts, and sang and danced.

"He talked extensively with the kids about how people need to respect the earth, recycle and clean up after themselves," said teacher Julie Smith. "He also expressed how Native Americans believe in using everything in nature and have a great respect for living creatures."

"He taught the boys a grass dance that males danced. His wife Marca, a Paiute Indian, taught the girls a women's traditional dance," said Smith.

This was the Pettibones' first



JOHN STORMZAND/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Thanksgiving entertainment: Reg Pettibone, a Winnebago Indian from Livonia, instructs students about native American culture.

visit to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Smith learned of them in an advertisement in the newspaper.

"The Pettibones opened up a

shop in Trappers Alley called Native American Creations," said Smith, "and they make visits to schools to teach children.

"This fit in well with a unit in

our social studies curriculum. We had a lot of fun," added the teacher. "The kids really enjoyed him, and we did, too. He was really good."

Bentley Elementary will be dedicated

Students, parents, staff and community members are all invited to attend the dedication ceremony for the newly opened Carvel M. Bentley Elementary School to be held 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at Bentley, 1100 Sheldon Road, south of Ford Road in Canton.

The school is named after Carvel M. Bentley, who served as an educator in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for 43 years. He began his career in the district in 1929 as a science teacher at Plymouth High School where he also served as the school's head coach of the tennis team and assistant coach of the football and track teams. In 1934, Bentley established a counseling, guidance and testing program which became the first functional guidance program to exist in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Upon completion of his master's degree in the same year, Bentley developed Plymouth-Canton's first cooperative education program, one of five offered in the state of Michigan.

Returning to Plymouth in 1951 from the service, Bentley began

what was known as the Veterans' Institute, an educational program for returning servicemen. Again he led the way by bringing the night school concept of continuing education to the district. He then went on to serve as principal of Plymouth High School from 1951-1969. From 1969-1972 he again served as co-op coordinator. Bentley retired from the district in 1972.

Carvel M. Bentley died on May 6, 1993, at the age of 85. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Doris, one son, Michael, three grandsons, Mark, Christopher, and Joseph, a sister-in-law, and several nieces and a great-niece. Michael Bentley will be present at the dedication ceremony honoring his father.

Carvel M. Bentley Elementary School opened its doors on Aug. 30, 1994, as a result of the 1991 bond project.

Speakers at the dedication will include students, teachers, principal Larry Miller, Board President David Artley, Superintendent Charles Little and Superintendent Emeritus John Hoben.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. C-94-12 AMENDMENT TO MULTI-CHANNEL SERVICE PROVIDER REGULATORY ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MULTI-CHANNEL SERVICE PROVIDER REGULATORY ORDINANCE WHICH DESCRIBES REGULATORY PRACTICES FOR MULTI-CHANNEL SERVICE PROVIDERS, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR INSURANCE, REPORTS AND RECORDS, CONSUMER PRACTICES, CONSUMER PROTECTION MEASURES, CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION RELATED PRACTICES, FRANCHISE FEES AND ALTERNATE USER CHARGES, OPERATION PROCEDURES, AND HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE MEASURES, AND AMENDMENT TO THE CONTINUITY OF SERVICE PROVISION, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF THEIR INCONSISTENCY, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR PENALTY FOR VIOLATION, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.
Section 74.265 of Chapter 74 of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Plymouth is amended by adding Subsection (G) to read as follows:

Section 74.265. Policy with Respect to Continuity of Multi-Channel Provisions.

- A) The Board/franchising authority declares that as part of its right to establish multi-channel customer service guidelines, it has the duty to ensure continuity of multi-channel service for all subscribers. In that light, the Board/franchising authority also determines that it may take appropriate measures in order to ensure that no portion of the Township is threatened or faced with a disruption, interruption, or discontinuance of multi-channel service due to the actions of any MCS provider.
- B) In addition to the principles and ideals enumerated in subsection (A), the Board/franchising authority also expresses that its policy covers the following:
 - 1) providing for continuity of multi-channel service in the event of acquisition by the Township;
 - 2) providing for continuity of service in the event of a proposed abandonment, withdrawal, or cessation of multi-channel service by an MCS provider;
 - 3) providing for continuity of service in the event of revocation, termination, or non-renewal of a franchised MCS provider's franchise;
 - 4) providing for continuity of service in the event that a transaction occurs that affects the ownership or control of the MCS provider, such as an assignment, sale, transfer, or merger;
 - 5) providing for continuity of service in the event of an expiration of a franchise;
 - 6) preventing disruption of multi-channel service which would provide a hardship on those subscribers who rely on a multi-channel system as their primary or secondary source for information; and
 - 7) preventing the interruption or cessation of multi-channel service which would disrupt or eliminate the diversity of programming choices enjoyed by subscribers of a multi-channel system, and thereby restricting their ability to receive information.
- C) Whenever any situation occurs (including those mentioned above) which threatens the Township and subscribers with the loss or interruption in the continuity of multi-channel service, then the Board/franchising authority may direct the MCS provider for a period of up to twenty-four (24) months to do everything in its power to ensure that all subscribers receive continuous, uninterrupted multi-channel service of the same quality, mix, and level(s) regardless of the circumstances.
- D) During the interim period, the Board/franchising authority shall work with the MCS provider in order to secure a new multi-channel system owner, or rectify the problem, so that the threat of loss of continuity is removed at the earliest possible instance.
- E) During any interim period in which the MCS provider continues to provide multi-channel service to subscribers, the MCS provider is entitled to all revenues collected, except any sums owed (including franchise fees, alternative user charges, and taxes) to the Township or to other persons.
- F) In the event that the threat of loss of continuity is not resolved within twenty-four (24) months, then the Board/franchising authority may extend the interim period of a month-to-month basis until the situation is satisfactorily resolved. Also, in such a circumstance, the Board/franchising authority may adopt any emergency rules or procedures which will ensure that the subscribers will receive continuous, uninterrupted multi-channel service of the same quality, mix, and level(s).
- G) This section 74.265 shall take immediate effect upon publication notwithstanding any other provision of this Multi-Channel Service Provider Regulatory Ordinance and shall be applicable to all cable operators, cable services, cable systems or multi-channel service providers operating in the Township without exemption or relief and is particularly applicable to existing franchises.

SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY.
If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

SECTION 3: REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.
All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4: SAVINGS CLAUSE.
The rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance. With the exception of section 74.265 amended herein, the remainder of Chapter 74 is unaffected and hereby saved intact.

SECTION 5: VIOLATION AND PENALTY.
Any person, corporation, partnership or other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court. Each day that the violation continues after due notice has been served in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 6: PUBLICATION.
The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 7: EFFECTIVE DATE.
This ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication thereof. The proceeding in a proposed Ordinance presented for first reading to the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on November 18, 1994. Copies of the complete ordinance are available for inspection at the Clerk's Office in the Plymouth Township Hall, 6336 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours. Telephone No. 689-3600 X 234.

MARILYN MASBENIGILL
Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

Published December 1, 1994

Schools honor parent volunteer

Miller Elementary and Canton High School parent Kathy Sonnanstine was honored as a VIPS award winner at the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meeting on Monday, Nov. 28, for her dedication and support of the Plymouth-Canton school district.

The I Care committee and the Board of Education established the Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) Award in 1991 to recognize outstanding volunteers in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District.

Sonnanstine has been an active volunteer in the schools for over 10 years. As mother of Amy, a 10th grader at Canton High School, and of Adam, a fourth grader at Miller Elementary School, Sonnanstine has been a volunteer in the schools where her

children have attended. Some of her volunteer duties have included being a room mother, working on fifth grade graduation, helping in the library, running school book fairs, serving as District Community School Council representative and working as a "Miller Math Mom."

Her other involvements with schools have included helping to establish the School Spirit Store at Isabier Elementary, being a timer for Pioneer School's girls' swim team and serving as corresponding secretary on the school district council.

To honor her volunteer services, Trustee Sue Feiten presented Sonnanstine with a framed resolution passed by the board of education, a volunteer pin and a dinner gift certificate.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

ORDINANCE NO. C-94-10

EMERGENCY WATER USE REDUCTION ORDINANCE

THIS ORDINANCE AMENDS CHAPTER 73, WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, BY ADDING SECTION 73.240 ET SEQ WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE EMERGENCY WATER USE REDUCTION ORDINANCE, AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE A WATER USE REDUCTION EMERGENCY; PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF METERS TO MONITOR WATER FLOW AND WATER REDUCTION; PROVIDING THAT POLICE OFFICERS AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE ORDINANCE VIOLATION NOTICES AND CITATIONS UNDER THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS WARRANTING INITIATION OF WATER USE REDUCTION; PROVIDING FOR A DECLARATION OF A WATER USE REDUCTION EMERGENCY; PROVIDING FOR A PROHIBITION OF WATER USE DURING A WATER USE REDUCTION EMERGENCY; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.
Section 73.240.
This Ordinance shall be known as the Emergency Water Use Reduction Ordinance and shall read as follows:

- A. Every person, firm, or corporation whose premises are supplied by water by the Charter Township of Plymouth shall be subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, and to all rules and regulations of the Public Works Manager pertaining to use of Township water.
- B. It shall be lawful for the Public Works Manager, or his designate, to enter upon the premises of any person using Township water to install meters for measuring water used and to inspect the meters and other fixtures and appurtenances pertaining to the Water Works System.
- C. Code Enforcement Officers of the Charter Township of Plymouth and Police Officers of the Charter Township of Plymouth are hereby authorized to issue Ordinance Violation Notices and/or Ordinance Violation Citations to any person or persons, firm or corporation violating any provision of this Ordinance or any rule or regulation duly adopted in pursuance of this Ordinance.

Section 73.250.
The following are conditions warranting declaration of a Water Use Reduction Emergency:

- A. A prolonged draught or other system-wide heavy demand period that results in supply facilities, including system pump stations and reservoirs, being operated at their optimum capacity with no apparent means immediately available to adequately maintain flows and residual pressure throughout the system.
- B. Any emergency condition that may arise which will negatively affect operating flows and residual pressures in any substantial portion of the Township water system for any appreciable length of time.

Section 73.260.
Upon declaration of a water use reduction emergency by the City of Detroit Water and Sewer Department, the Michigan Department of Public Health, or the Charter Township of Plymouth, the Charter Township of Plymouth shall announce such declaration by use of public radio or television and newspapers with normal operating range covering the community. The Public Works Manager or his designate shall implement whatever reductions are necessary to meet the water reduction requirements.

Section 73.270. Prohibition of Water Use During Water Use Reduction Emergency.

- A. Upon the declaration of a water use reduction emergency as outlined in Sections 73.250 and 73.260 above, every person, firm, or corporation whose premises are supplied with water by the Charter Township of Plymouth shall refrain from watering or using water provided by the Charter Township of Plymouth in any way prohibited by the Water Use Reduction Emergency declaration. The prohibition shall remain in effect twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week until the Township has declared an end to the water use reduction emergency or the Township determines that a limited prohibition will be sufficient to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the community.
- B. The Public Works Manager or his designate may provide exception to Section 73.270, (paragraph A) where necessary to prevent imminent financial loss to a water user.

Section 73.280. Penalty.
Any person who shall willfully violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine or not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars and the costs of prosecution or by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days or engagement in community service, or any combination of such fine, imprisonment or community service, plus any costs involved in shutting off the water.

SECTION 2: Violations.
Each day that the violation continues after due notice has been served in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 3: Savings Clause.
The rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: Severability.
If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

SECTION 5: Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances.
All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 6: Effective Date.
This ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication thereof.

CERTIFICATION

This Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 18th day of November, 1994, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

MARILYN MASBENIGILL, Clerk
Published December 1, 1994



NOTICE 1994 DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW CITY OF PLYMOUTH 201 S. MAIN ST. PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 (313) 453-1234 X 222

The December Board of Review will convene in the Conference Room located on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, on Tuesday, December 13, 1994 at 12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

The Board will review any Homestead appeals from local taxpayers.

No appointments are necessary.

All appellants will be sent a letter by first class mail indicating the decision of the Board of Review.

Published November 28 and December 1, 1994

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY 50905 JOY ROAD, CANTON, MICHIGAN 48187

To: All of the residents and taxpayers of the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Northville and Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth have each adopted the following changes to the Articles of Incorporation of the Western Townships Utilities Authority, pursuant to the provisions of Act 233 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1966, as amended.

Article I: Change of Address to 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Wayne County, Michigan 48187

Article VII, Section 2: delete: on the first business day of February. Add: at the Commissioner's regularly scheduled February meeting.

Article XV: Add Accountants and other licensed professionals.

Article XVI: Add The audit shall be completed on or before the first regular meeting of the Commission scheduled for the month of March.

Article XVII, Section 2: delete: Robert C. Law of Nora, Humming, Broad & Peterson, P.C. is hereby designated as the person to cause these Articles to be published, certified and filed as aforesaid. In the event he shall be unable to act or shall neglect to act, then Ernest J. Broad, Jr. of Nora, Humming, Broad & Peterson, P.C. shall act in his stead. Add: The duly appointed Executive Director of the Authority is hereby designated as the person to cause these amended Articles to be published, certified and filed as aforesaid. In the event he/she shall be unable to act or shall neglect to act, then the duly authorized and appointed counsel for the Authority shall act in his/her stead.

Published December 1, 1994

CREATIVE LIVING

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1994

BOOK BREAK



VICTORIA DIAZ

'Last House' fills the bill

"Last House on the Road: Excursions into a Rural Past," by Ronald Jager (262 pp., \$18.00, Beacon Press).

I don't always understand why perfectly-intelligent people often choose to pull up stakes in a relatively-comfortable neighborhood and move, with great anticipation, to the edge of an ever-encroaching wilderness. Here, beside the road that leads to nowhere much, and blissful as well-fed puppies, they buy a drafty old house that is riddled with stuff like plaster-turned-to-dust, squirrels' nests, oozy pipes, and lots of mouse manure, and settle in for a taste of the country life. (Maybe I got my fill of "untamed" places when I grew up in one of them?)

Despite my perplexity, people make these moves all the time, though. And actually, I'm very glad they do. Some of them turn out to be writers like Ronald Jager, and little books like this get written as a result.

"Last House on the Road" is not another one of those we-moved-to-the-country-and-restored-an-old-house books. It's more like a we-moved-to-the-country-and-it-really-set-me-to-thinking books.

Ronald Jager, you may recall, is a Michigan native who, in 1990, wrote "Eighty Acres," an acclaimed account of the family farm in Missaukee County where he grew up. He is also a former professor of philosophy at Yale University who, with his wife, Grace, bought an abandoned farmhouse some 30 years ago in the granite hills of southern New Hampshire. They live there today. (Unfortunately, not even a small sketch of the house is included in this book.)

Having been a Michigan farm boy, Jager was fairly well-equipped for the rustic life. But he likes to stress here that country living, though it may have its very real and endearing charms, is not always an especially pretty piece of cake when you get right down to it.

"... a couple spots an old house. . . bereft and unlovely, and feels a yearning to take it into their. . . custody," he writes, remembering the discovery of his rural New Hampshire home. ". . . sometimes the impulse leads down a steep path to a stern wisdom."

We come to know his "nest built by others" and its environs, not just by walking through the front door and taking a look around in the company of Jager, his family, and his friends. He introduces us from many different angles and directions, and even from different time periods. We get a taste of its essence in a kind of circuitous, unpredictable way that sometimes feels a bit odd, but ultimately fills the bill.

Here is the Revolutionary War soldier, Ebenezer Wood, who built the small Cape Cod-style home in the 18th century. Here is yet another traveler, lost on the dead-end road that runs beside the house, knocking on Jager's door in the dead of night, asking where the road goes to. (Here is Jager, answering the knock, tempted to reply, "It's been here. . . 200 years. . . ain't gone nowhere yet.") Here is the nearby village of Washington, whose city fathers still

See LAST HOUSE, 4D

LOOKING AHEAD

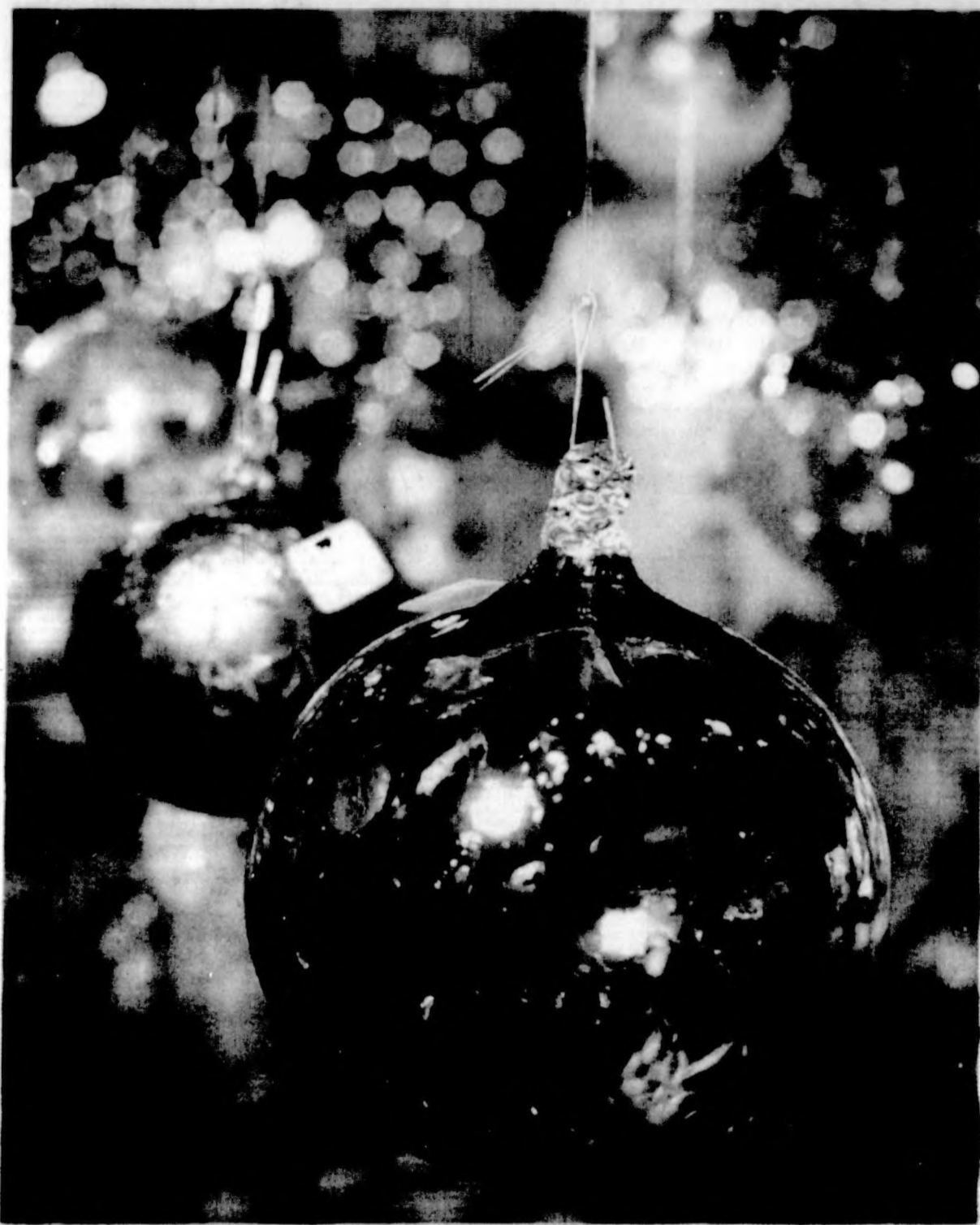
What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

- A primer on prints with Madonna University print making professor, Doug Semivan.
- What you should know about prints before you buy.
- Marty Figley's Garden Break column.
- Exhibitions, art gallery listings.

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BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Glassy gift: For an unusual gift worth collecting, blown glass ornaments made with ash from the 1980 Mt. Saint Helen's eruption can be found at Penniman Showcase of Arts and Crafts in downtown Plymouth.

In search of the...

PERFECT HOLIDAY ART GIFT

■ If you're looking for art as gifts for family and friends this holiday season, Observerland galleries offer a treasure trove full of ideas.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

There's nothing like handmade to say I love you, to say you're special. Handmade, handcrafted art gifts abound in Observerland for giving this Hanukkah and Christmas season.

The variety of mediums is endless. Painting, pottery, glass, photography, jewelry, and wood items can be found at local galleries. Spend as little as \$5 for a clay cow lapel pin to \$500 for a wildlife print. If you find it impossible to decide, most of the merchants offer gift certificates.

Blown glass ornaments made with ash from the 1980 Mt. Saint Helens eruption, mesmerize with swirls of color as they glitter in the light at Penniman Showcase of Arts and Crafts, 827 Penniman Ave. in Plymouth. Hundreds of bulbs, gift-boxed and ready for giving are sure to become collectibles, perhaps a seasonal tradition.

Handcrafted by American and German artists in 38 styles from round to chili pepper, the ornaments can be displayed by themselves on a stand, or in groupings on a Christmas tree. Some cre-



JIM JAGGELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Art as gift: Nelson's Gallery in Livonia spotlights a wide variety of works by 14 local artists including (clockwise) sculpture by Randall Lentz of Bedford; "Tomatoes," colored pencil by Gwen Dietrich of Canton; pottery, Daniel Showalter, Garden City; glass bowl, Joe Wisniewski and paperweight, Christine Fleischer of Livonia; pencil drawing, Tom Dyer, White Lake, and jewelry by Sam Galate of Redford.

ative souls even heap them in bowls laced with lights. Ash creates style.

"The ash created a style of glass from the Pacific Northwest," said Scott Smith, owner of Penniman Showcase. "People display these all year. They move and change colors because of the interaction glass has with light. It's an affordable beautiful item that they can collect."

Smith sold hundreds of the blown glass ornaments last Christmas. By the end of October, he had stocked drawers full of them in the 11 year old shop. Smith thinks they're so popular because of the fact more and more customers are choosing beauty over novelty in gift purchases, quality over quantity.

"There's a return to elegance, a lot of metallics, gold and patinas. I think people are enjoying shopping again, and people are decorating more of their homes not just their trees."

Prices for the blown glass ornaments start at \$20; softball size bulbs are \$40. Along with the bulbs, Penniman Showcase carries lead free, dishwasher safe pottery; wood boxes; glass vases, bowls, and paperweights; jewelry and raku. Environmental art.

For the sports enthusiast, environmentalist or animal lover in your life, wildlife art prints may

See GIFT, 4D

Christmas Walk

Decorations like fresh pine garland roping on the 1850s farmhouse of Glenn and Andrea Scholdt could inspire even Scrooge to get into the holiday spirit at the sixth annual Christmas Walk, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

Hosted by Friends for the Development of Greenmead, the walk includes seven Livonia homes ranging from contemporary to solar, dressed in all their holiday finery.

Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$8 the day of the walk and available at the Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile east of Farmington Road.

Proceeds benefit the continuing restoration of the Alexander Blue house, one of 13 vintage buildings on the grounds of Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.



JIM JAGGELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Reading for guests: Andrea Scholdt and her sons, Christoher, 6, and Kevin, 8, stand in front of their decorated farmhouse that will be featured on Saturday's Christmas walk.

EXHIBITIONS

Send announcements of art gallery exhibitions to: Creative Living Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150; fax (810) 644-1314.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Now through Dec. 11 — The university will host an exhibit featuring fine art in various constructs by Patricia Williams now through Dec. 11 in Exhibit Gallery on the second floor of the library building, 36600 Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia. Hours are

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

NELSON'S GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 — Director Laura Girdy presents her annual Art as Gift show featuring smaller, reasonably priced gift art now through Dec. 31 at the gallery 16376 Middlebelt between Five and Six Mile in Terrence. An open house takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. This year's show spotlights 13 artists

working in a variety of media from painting and glass to jewelry and clay. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

SUSANNE MILBERRY GALLERY
Through Dec. 15 — An exhibit of new paintings by New York artist Bill Komoski will continue to Dec. 15. Opening reception for the artist 5-7 p.m. Friday. Komoski indulges in the poetic and the coolly mechanical at the same time. This is the first time his work will be shown in the Detroit

area. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham, (810) 642-8250.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 — "Scrapple from the Apple," an exhibit of works on paper and monoprint by Vincent Smith, will continue to Dec. 31. Opening reception for the artist 6-9 p.m. Friday. Smith will lecture on his work 2 p.m. Sunday; call the gallery at (810) 642-2700 for reservations. The show concentrates on Smith's jazz im-

ages. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, 161 Townsend, Birmingham.

CENTER GALLERIES
Through Dec. 16 — "A Place in Time: The Inlander Collection of Great Lakes Regional Painting, 1913-1968" will continue through Dec. 16, focusing on artists from the upper Midwest who painted scenes of the Midwestern cities and towns in which they lived and worked. Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Friday. A panel discussion

with collectors Patricia Glascock and Michael Hall will take place 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Boughton Auditorium of the Center for Creative Studies Institute of Music and Dance at John R. and Kirby. The exhibit will feature paintings by Aaron Bohrod, Clarence Carter, Hughie Lee-Smith, Ethel Spears and Zoltan Sepeshy, among others. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, in the Park Shelton Building at Woodward and Kirby in Detroit, (313) 874-1955.

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CLASSIC STONE ACCENTED CAPE COD. Nearly 2 spectacular acres. Wood ravine, stream. New white kitchen, hardwood floors, finished walk-out, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. Farmington Hills. \$239,000.

Artbeat features various happenings in the suburban arts world. Send news leads to: Creative Living Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

ART BENEFITS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

The Elizabeth Stone Gallery, exhibiting children's book art through Dec. 24 at the Livonia Civic Center Fine Arts Gallery, hosts an opening reception for Russian illustrator, Gennady Spirin to benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 at the gallery, 536 North Woodward Ave. in Birmingham.

Tickets are \$25 (Friend), \$50 (Patron), or \$75 (Benefactor). Original art work and children's books by Spirin will be available for purchase. Three limited edition lithographs printed especially for the exhibition from the books, "The Frog Princess," "Snow White and Rose Red," and "Gulliver's Adventures in Lilliput" are available for \$100 each.

The reception kicks off an exhibit of Gennady Spirin's children's book art running through Jan. 14 in the Elizabeth Stone Gallery. Spirin is among the best-known and most dis-

Art Beat

tinguished illustrators of children's books. His opulent yet translucent palette of watercolors illustrate Russian fairy tales, folk tales and fine literature. Some of his most popular books are "The Nutcracker," "The Tale of the Unicorn," "The White Cat," "Rumplestiltskin" and "The Children of Lir," winner of the Society of Illustrators, Book Category Gold Medal in 1993.

Established in 1886, Children's Hospital in the Detroit Medical Center is a 260-bed teaching hospital connected with Wayne State University.

For more information about the benefit call Children's Hospital of Michigan, Auxiliary Office at (313) 745-0962 or the Development Office at (313) 745-5373.

TRUNK SHOW

Native West presents its fifth annual Holiday Art and Jewelry Festival Dec. 8-11 at the gallery, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

Hours are 6-9 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Sterling silver and 14K gold jewelry by American Indian artists will be featured including the line of authen-

tic reproductions of ancient Southwest Indian rock images or petroglyphs called Rock Kritters. Interpreted by Navajo artist Calvin Begay, the spirit of each symbol is translated into sterling silver jewelry inlaid with semi-precious stones such as jet, coral and malachite.

INNOVATIVE DECOR

Ray Davison brings the romance of transportation to light in a photography exhibit continuing through Dec. 31 in Garden City Michael Breen's office in city hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road.

Mayor Breen began exhibiting the work of local artists shortly after taking office last January as a way to decorate the bare walls without spending tax dollars.

A sailing ship, and a railroad scene communicate Davison's love for a bygone era. An environmental photograph of a factory was captured by the Garden City resident inside Ford Motor Co. He used to sneak his camera in while working there.

"Anyone who likes trains will like the show," said Davison, president of the Garden City Fine Arts Association. Viewing hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

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TRILL HOME OF GRAND PROPORTIONS — 8000 sq ft ranch with home with finished lower level without formal entry, views of nature in front yard with panoramic view of nature reserves, spacious kitchen with enclosed screened deck, 3 1/2 bathrooms, possible library, game room and more. \$119,900 (810-979-0200) x55-6800

NEW CONSTRUCTION NOW — 1 acre of prime land! This 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial style home is now under way. There's still time to choose colors! Everything included for \$179,900 (810-409-1314) x62-1811

NEW LISTING: LIVONIA — Relax in the serenity of your own Japanese garden — must see! Family room with fireplace, newer furnace and hot water heater, central air, finished basement with full bath and home warranty. \$119,900 (810-470-0811) x62-1811

UNUSUAL FIND, PLYMOUTH — This charming Plymouth farmhouse is a one-of-a-kind find! Unique and charming offering a library with fireplace, formal dining room, custom gourmet kitchen, circular drive. \$155,000 (810-979-0200) x55-6800

LAKEVIEW COLONIAL — 3,000 sq ft home built on great lot, great room or master bedroom 2 1/2 car garage, 2 1/2 baths, 2nd floor finished, beautiful landscaping, 2nd floor finished basement — master suite offers \$128,000 (810-979-0200) x55-6800

BREATH TAKING — LIVONIA. Enter tranquil Gold Manor Estate and park in the circular drive of a well maintained 3 bedroom colonial. Family room with wood and tile fireplace, home backs to woods and is landscaped beautifully. \$199,900 (810-979-0200) x55-6800

DESIRABLE RIDGEWOOD HILLS, PLYMOUTH — Prestigious Plymouth subdivision offers this spacious four bedroom colonial featuring a first floor den and laundry, formal dining room, family room with fireplace, oak kitchen, Georgian deck! \$269,900 (810-979-0200) x55-6800

WANT NEW CONSTRUCTION — CANTON. But you need quick occupancy? You can still make those custom choices and have your new home built-American built custom 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial 3 car garage. Picturesque subdivision. Premium lot. \$269,900 (810-979-0200) x55-6800

SENATIONAL CUSTOM RANCH, FARMINGTON HILLS — 10,000 sq ft, open floor plan, large deck with fabulous view of all sports fields, Lake, beautiful stone with fireplace, finished basement — master suite offers \$128,000 (810-979-0200) x55-6800

BELE GRASS FARMS — LIVONIA. Great this nice ranch in popular Blue Grass Farms subdivision. This home offers a private backyard, 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, family room, central air and attached 2 car garage. Main updates. \$199,900 (810-4-223-013) x62-1811

CALL THIS HOME, PLYMOUTH — 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with extra Ceramic entrance and kitchen floor, double stacked windows, crown moldings, vaulted ceiling, finished lower level, exclusive area of only 25 homes. \$257,500 (810-979-0200) x55-6800

EMBASSY SQUARE'S FINEST — CANTON. 4 bedroom colonial, 2 1/2 bath with large master bath and walk-in closet, spacious family room with gas fireplace. Professionally finished basement (just completed) \$164,000 (810-979-0200) x55-6800

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Plymouth
CENTON BELLE HOMES IN PLYMOUTH
This 3 acre lot, gourmet kitchen, in-ground security system, central vacuum, 2 furnaces, 2 air conditioners, upgraded flooring, 3 car garage. \$550,000 (810-979-0200) x57-5050

SPECTACULAR PLYMOUTH CAPE COD
This home features upgraded lighting, carpet and pool throughout, 5 paved drives, 3 car garage, alarm, sprinklers, central air. \$500,000 (810-979-0200) x57-5050

PLYMOUTH TRISTAR HOME
New furnace and air conditioning, new roof, remodeled baths, newer hardwood floors, newer carpet on both levels, updated kitchen, granite, beautiful French doors and trim. \$395,000 (810-979-0200) x57-5050

HISTORICAL SEARS HOME
Situated in downtown Plymouth's Core village, hardwood floors, walk-in closets, walk-in closets, beautiful French doors and trim. \$395,000 (810-979-0200) x57-5050

POW TO GO
Brick and aluminum 2 story in Plymouth Township. Handmade floors, newer windows and shutters, 10 year finish decorated large kitchen and 2nd floor. \$215,000 (810-979-0200) x57-5050

CANTON
A TREE SHOWPLACE
5,200 sq ft, luxury in Canton, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, library, huge island kitchen, wrap-around deck on large lot, French doors, curved oak staircase. \$309,900 (810-979-0200) x57-5050

CANTON CONDO HAS IT ALL!
Open floor plan, hardwood floors in kitchen, living and hallway, 5 skylights, upgraded carpeting, custom oak trim, cathedral ceilings, gas fireplace in living room, huge master bath. \$119,900 (810-979-0200) x57-5050

DETROIT
GREAT INVESTMENT!
2 bedroom, Detroit ranch, extra lot, 2 car garage with opener, some newer vinyl windows, newer hot water heater, hardwood floors. \$119,900 (810-979-0200) x57-5050

WALK TO U. OF M.
Updated 3 bedroom with dining room, newer furnace, roof, and hot water heater and electric, track lighting, and ceiling fans. Maintenance, new exterior. \$79,900 (810-979-0200) x57-5050

Dearborn Heights
BEAUTIFUL BIRCH BRINGALEW
In N. Dearborn Heights, newer furnace, remodeled kitchen, newer carpet, hardwood floors, updated electrical and plumbing, newer water heater, dishwasher and disposal. \$79,900 (810-979-0200) x57-5050

NEW ON MARKET
Master home, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, beautiful finished basement, garage. \$199,900 (810-979-0200) x57-5050

Livonia
THE "MITE" LIFE
Colonial on a huge lot. Enter 2 story lower and master upstairs to the double doors of the master's master suite. This and here walk-in closets, granite and separate jacuzzi tub and shower. Over 3,000 sq ft with 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths and driveway. Kitchen. \$269,900 (810-979-0200) x57-5050

STUNNING!
Home features quality quality and more quality. Premium lot, extra large deck with hot tub, security system. \$257,900 (810-979-0200) x57-5050

UNIQUE LIVONIA HOME
A lot of square footage backing to land locked woods! Walk-out to window, circular drive, 2 car garage, immediate occupancy. \$154,900 (810-979-0200) x57-5050

3 ACRES IN LIVONIA
Remodeled Cape Cod offers a purchase with master bath with jacuzzi and skylight, over 2,000 sq ft, and two much more to see. \$129,900 (810-979-0200) x57-5050

GREAT LIVONIA LOCATION
3 bedroom ranch with 2 full baths, finished basement with 2 more bedrooms. Open floor plan with family room and full wall fireplace, master suite. \$115,900 (810-979-0200) x57-5050

SPECTACULAR BIRCH & BIRCH
3100 New kitchen (91), new roof and windows (92), new furnace (93), new electric service (92), partially finished basement, new siding and gutters (92). Livonia walk-out to school. \$99,900 (810-979-0200) x57-5050

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MORTGAGE RATE UPDATE

NEW	RATES	FIX	LOCK	FEES	APR	NEW	RATES	FIX	LOCK	FEES	APR
AMERPLUS MTGE CORP.	810-740-2323					PARK AVENUE MTGE.	810-589-2255				
30 yr Fix	9.75	2.00	30 day	\$275	9.25%	30 yr Fix	9.125	1.00	50 day	\$300	8.25%
15 yr Fix	9.125	0.25	30 day	\$275	9.25%	15 yr Fix	8.625	1.00	50 day	\$300	8.75%
15 yr Fix	8.75	0.25	30 day	\$275	8.75%	15 yr Fix	8.625	1.00	50 day	\$300	8.75%
15 yr Fix	8.375	2.00	30 day	\$275	8.77%						
* No cash back available. See website for complete details.											
3780 Rochester Rd. Troy, MI 48063											
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Textiles' tactile sense shows

BY LINDA ANN CHOMEN
SPECIAL WRITER

The warmth of Eastern Michigan University Art Professor Patricia Williams' textiles take over the Exhibit Gallery at Madonna University in Livonia through Dec. 9.

Williams weaves, dyes and works her ways with fibers of all kinds in "Abstract Journey," a retrospective spanning the last 20 years.

"One doesn't get the chance to see fiber, the formal discipline

that goes into a piece," said art department chairman, Ralph F. Glenn.

"It opens up possibilities in the awareness of fiber and all the ways three dimensional textures can operate, the handling of design aspects. It's a new dimension," said Glenn.

"There's an affinity with print making, the raised surfaces. Patricia's work has a warmth. She's very versatile."

Woven squares of subtle color variations, crochet pieces dyed

and then stiffened with glue, as well as computer generated (using existing software) weaving amaze with the myriad of techniques employed by Williams.

"It amazes me, the fact that she can work with so many concepts of the three dimensional form, woven piled, and make it endlessly interesting."

"They're meant to be appreciated for their fiber, three dimensional qualities, colorations, and form stimulating form. It's abstract images, after all, it will open a lot of eyes here," said Glenn.

A block of felt makes the skin crawl with its wriggling maggot shapes oozing out of a Pop Tart like form.

"If I were a painter these are the sort of things I'd be doing, but you can't do this with paint," said Williams, who first learned to weave in 1968.

White wool fleece, dyed and carded and made into felt are some of the primary steps it takes to make Williams' fiber wall hangings. She employs both loom and non-loom approaches from there.

"I like the physicality of textiles. It was more appealing to me than paint or clay. The pieces develop slowly. The challenge is to make it interesting after you've spent hundreds of hours on it," said Williams of Brighton.

Before her 19 year stint teaching the textile curriculum at Eastern Michigan University, Williams earned a master of fine arts degree from Indiana University.



JIM JACOBEL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Painterly persuasions: Textile artist Patricia Williams exhibits part of her 20 year exploration into the world of fiber through Dec. 9 at Madonna University in Livonia.

Additional studies took her to California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland and Arrowmont School of Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. She has exhibited at Clare Spitzer Works of Art in Ann Arbor, the Nevada State Museum and Historical So-

ciety in Las Vegas, University of Michigan School of Art, Ella Sharp Museum in Jackson, The Galleria in Pontiac, Jesse Besser Museum in Alpena, and Handweavers Guild of American in Washington, D.C. to name a handful.

"I'm very drawn to natural imagery. I like to explore that imagery using felt, crochet and weaving. I have an idea. I try it. It evolves. It's like painting with threads."

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be the answer to your gift needs. S & R Wildlife Art Gallery, 33163 Ford Road in Garden City, has the largest selection in the area. Robert Bateman, Jim Foote, Carl Brenders and Terry Redlin are a few of the artists the gallery represents. If an unframed print is purchased, S & R owner Ron Hughes highly recommends customers take advantage of the conservation, or museum style framing services offered at the 18 year old gallery.

"The safest place for a print is in a frame. We do professional framing on 100 percent rag paper. Anything touching the print is acid free," said Hughes.

Other great gift ideas at S & R include hand carved deer and manatee; hand painted rocks by Scott Fountain of Livonia; Sandi Coast collectible figurines of rottweilers, greyhounds, retrievers and chocolate labs; books; decorative decoy reproductions; bronze sculptures, and Do-a-Duck kits for creating your own cherry mallard.

For specialty items like kaleidoscopes, glass perfume bottles as well as other time-honored crafts stop by Chameleon Galleries LTD, 370 S. Main Street in Plymouth. Chameleon considers its contemporary gallery a year-round stationary, indoor Ann Arbor Art Fair.

If it's animation art like a cel of Pongo from 101 Dalmatians you're after, the Animation Station, 550 Forest in Plymouth offers the widest selection of cels and related collectibles including plush stuffed animals in the area. And if they don't have it on hand, the folks at the Animation Station will make a computer search for it.

Make your gifts

Canton Ceramic & Gifts with more than 2,500 pieces of greenware offers the opportunity to hand paint a gift for a friend or yourself. Christmas decorations including Nativity sets, and angels of all sizes as well as chess pieces and carousel horses are a few of the greenware items on hand.

"This is the biggest time of year for Christmas decorations but we sell a lot of home accessories as well. We recently did a purple canister set for a lady because she couldn't find one to match her color scheme," said Shirley Henning, co-owner of the two-year old

shop with brother, Jerry Lee.

Finished and unfinished ceramics fill the shop. But unfinished is so much more fun, and therapeutic too. For about \$30 you can make a standard size ceramic Christmas tree with lights and save yourself the cost of a therapist.

"It's relaxing, a big tension breaker. We had one person who used to go to a therapist, now she comes here," said Henning's husband, John.

"Everything's made right here. You can start from scratch and clean it yourself, or we can clean it, fire it then paint them. We're a full service ceramics shop."

Soccer, football and basketball ornaments, angel icicles, beer steins, pitchers, bowls and garden planters by your hand or the folks at Canton Ceramic & Gifts, 6720 N. Canton Center Road in Canton Township, are certain to make someone on your list feel special, maybe even you.

Southwest flavor

If you're looking for a gift with Southwest flavor, two Plymouth galleries have a large selection of merchandise from pottery to American Indian Dream Catchers. The Sipapu Company, 298 S. Main Street, specializes in home furnishings like tables, chairs, hutches and entertainment centers but also pueblo pottery, sculpture and weaving.

Native West, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, offers everything from kachinas to handcarved fetishes, paintings and jewelry. Just arrived are sterling silver kachina necklaces in two price ranges, about \$42 to \$140.

"One of the hottest things these days is native American gifts for the home like a small framed piece of art. People are tired of buying junk. They want to give something that has meaning to it like pottery formed from the earth by hand, or fetishes. They don't take up a lot of room," said Annette Horn, Native West co-owner.

Artists' cooperatives as well as the smaller, independent galleries offer reasonably priced artworks for gift giving. The Art Gallery, 30000 Ford Road in Sheridan Square in Garden City, has media ranging from painting to sculpture. Hand painted T-shirts (\$24) by Mary Ellen Brittain of Dearborn Heights spotlight your dog or cat, while ornaments hand

printed (\$10 from stock on hand, \$15 from your photo) by Norma McQueen of Garden City show off that special pet on a different type of canvas.

Affordable art

If you're on an especially tight budget this year, consider purchasing something from the corner devoted to previously owned art.

"We've tried to make it known as an affordable gallery," said director, Norma McQueen. "There's nothing over \$250."

If you're looking for a portrait in pastel of your favorite person or pet including horses, don't miss the sample work on display at The Art Gallery by artist, Laurel Raisanen of Westland. Raisanen is perhaps best known for her striking portraits of sports celebrities such as Steve Yzerman, Cecil Fielder, Secretariat and Seattle Slew. The price for a portrait done from a 30- to 60- minute sitting is \$50. If Raisanen works from a photograph, the cost for a 12- by 18-inch head and shoulders portrait is \$65. A portrait of your horse's head and shoulders is \$125.

For more information about having Raisanen sketch a portrait of your loved one call her at (313) 729-7361.

Pottery, textiles and stained glass make the Michigan Art Exchange, 470 Forest in Plymouth, a

must for selection and low prices. Hand painted silk scarves by Celia Block cost around \$30. Clay by sisters, Pat Powder of Farmington Hills and Thalia Shunk of Bloomfield Hills is more than reasonably priced. It's a bargain.

"We have a lot of small paintings, bud vases and small raku dishes," said coop artist, Nancy Dendy of Redford Township who paints animal portraits among other subject matter.

Photography by Chuck Dujsik of Plymouth, a Merit Award winner in the Canton Project Arts Gallery Showing of Fine Arts 1994, is reminiscent of works by American painter, Edward Hopper.

"Chuck's work is so strong it hits you," Dendy said.

From sports figures to glamorous women painted in the style of the late artist Patrick Nagel, this is the place to go as the show continues through Dec. 31.



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perform the ancient ritual of "perambulating the bounds." Here is a lengthy (too lengthy?) history of the countryman's ancient friend, the double-bitted axe.

Here is Jager attending a town hall meeting, or working a traditional church fair on the village green, or trying to figure why the water from the old well in the cellar tastes suddenly odd (earthworms), or accidentally unearthing Ebenezer's patiently-crafted, granite hearthstone.

This thoughtful, entertaining book is often enhanced by Jager's lively, sometime lyrical, way with words (nature is an "elegant ferocity," that is "bedraggled and splendid beyond the singing of it"), and by his fresh and candid insight into things like "19th century nature romanticism."

But perhaps what turns this succinct history/geography/philosophy "lesson" into something really special is Jager's personality, a kind of sophisticated folkiness that comes through on practically every page. This is

nowhere more evident than in his chapter entitled, "Chicken Dinner: The Unwritten Recipe," in which he demonstrates that, to really get into the country life, there is no better tool than a world-class sense of humor.

This is how to fry a chicken, literally from the ground up, and with every dreadful detail included. At some point in all of it, you may discover that, like the hapless chicken at the center of this scarlet drama, you are not too crazy about this recipe.

Then, concludes Jager, "maybe you don't really know if you like the farm."

Food for thought.

Victoria Diaz of Livonia, a long-time member of Detroit Women Writers, tracks the books and literary industry for the Observer Newspapers. She has a lifelong interest in reading, "everything from great novels to cereal boxes." You can leave a message for her on a Touch-Tone phone by dialing 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1854.

Artists aid Girl Scouts

The annual art benefit for the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council will take place 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Blue Care Network of Southeast Michigan Riverside Center in Southfield.

The center is at 26925 Telegraph, one-half mile south of I-696. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. For more information, call Caroline Solomon at (313) 964-4475, Ext. 304.

Nine local artists will be featured. Fifty percent of the proceeds from the sale of art work will benefit the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council. Exhibited art will be in a variety of mediums, including jewelry, fabric, watercolor, stained glass and collage.

Featured artists are Julie Dawson of Birmingham, Mona Mandana of West Bloomfield, Katharine Bign of Sterling Heights, Marie Skell of Oak Park, Sandra Sorenson of New Boston and Coely and Jole Coe, Carole Hantz and

Habiba Owens of Detroit.

Dawson's watercolors reflect her favorite memories from independent journeys she and her husband have taken in 73 countries and seven continents. Human dignity and personal worth are themes that run throughout Skell's stained glass work.

Bign calls her work "sculpture" because it is sculpture that adorns the body rather than jewelry in the typical sense, she said. Coely Coe's work found materials, such as buttons from a favorite old jacket, to add to the unusual identities of her specialty dolls. Jole Coe's wearable art is inspired by her appreciation of diverse cultures and aesthetics. Owens uses such materials as paper, fabric, jewelry and paint in her collage work.

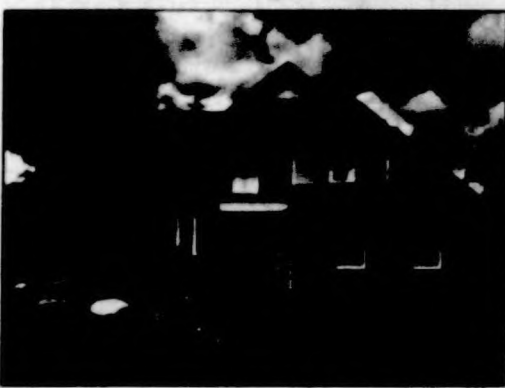
Honorary chair of the art benefit is Janet O'Neill, president and CEO, Blue Care Network of Southeast Michigan.



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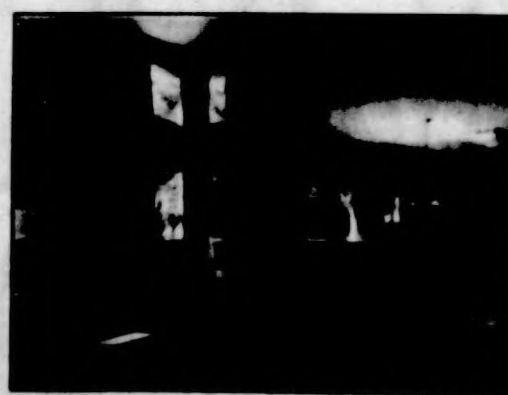
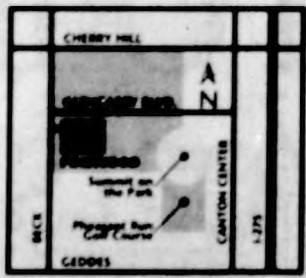
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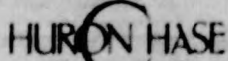
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REGION CHAMPS

ERA Rymal Symes, members of Electronic Realty Associates L.P., received a regional performance award from ERA National for outstanding customer service and superior performance. The award was presented at the ERA regional conference in Dearborn.

ERA Rymal Symes, owned by Conrad Jakubowski, has offices in West Bloomfield, Novi and Northville.

Jakubowski, meanwhile, was elected to regional vice president of the National Association of Realtors. He will serve as liaison for Michigan and Ohio. NAR has 750,000 members from different real estate organizations throughout the country.

BOWING UP

Almost half the agents at Chamberlain Realtors' Birmingham office attended the Michigan Association of Realtors' 80th annual conference and expo at the Detroit Renaissance Center.

Those in attendance were: J.D. Alameddine, Bette Ball, Anne Bouch, Debra Jacott, Paddy Kutchey, MaryAnn McBroom, Rebecca Meisner, Ellen Newville, Christine Russo, Grace Stauffer and Bob Taylor.

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Mike Zieck of Manhattan Co. in Troy represented the tenant. Hank Dietz, also of Manhattan Co., represented the landlord.

NEW ADDITION

Mary McLeod has joined the Northville office of Coldwell Banker/Schwitzer Real Estate, which also serves Novi and Livonia.

McLeod, a graduate of Walsh College in Troy with a degree in accounting, came from Century 21 and has 10 years of real estate experience.

— Compiled by Becky Burns

There's plenty of client consumer hints

BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER
SPECIAL WRITER

In the last of a two-part series, here's a sampling of consumer information available to home buyers and sellers in Observer & Eccentric communities:

Century 21 has an array of consumer information to help educate potential buyers and sellers.

Learn how to spruce up your house for a faster sale in a 17-minute video, "Dress Your House For Success." You'll see your home from a buyer's point of view and learn how to give the place pizzazz without making a big investment — borrow or rent house plants or matching lawn furniture, for example. The video offers six general steps for a quicker sale: remove clutter; clean up and make sure rooms smell as good as they look; make general repairs; neutralize with paint and carpet; make rooms look special with fresh flowers and decorative touches, and keep the house

ready to show. A "Dress Your House For Success" booklet includes checklists for creating curb appeal and for sprucing up the bathroom, kitchen, entry, living areas, basement and garage.

Century 21 estimates more than half of all houses are sold before buyers even get out of their cars. The booklet suggests standing across the street from your house to check "curb appeal."

Another video, "It's Your Move," takes a family of four through the home buying process — from defining needs and working with a sales agent to applying for a mortgage and closing.

Century 21 has a slew of information-packed booklets for buyers and sellers. The buyer's guide has a form to figure how much house you can afford, a monthly payment chart, a "want list" and a glossary of real estate terms. The seller's guide covers pricing, comparative marketing analysis, tax information, preparing the

house for sale and accepting an offer. There's also a moving guide and two comprehensive booklets on financing and real estate investment.

Fact-finding is an important step, but buyers and sellers should consider talking about their needs with a real estate professional, suggests John Lichtenberg, marketing director for Century 21 Great Lakes Division in Novi.

"At some point, it's important to sit down with a professional to narrow down your wants and needs and determine how much you can spend without over-extending," he said.

Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate, whose franchisees are in several Observer & Eccentric communities, has a series of brochures in its Home Merchandising System. They offer tips for preparing your home for sale and presenting it to buyers. Decorating and landscaping suggestions are gleaned from their sister-magazine, "Better Homes and Gardens."

John Ekstrand, marketing director

for Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate, says the focus of all their consumer material is long-term maintenance, so that clients have good results when they re-sell.

Sterling Heights-based Coldwell Banker Schwitzer Real Estate, with offices in almost every Observer & Eccentric community, updates its Home Price Comparison Index quarterly, so consumers can easily compare home prices from one community to another without looking through ads or driving to open houses.

If you're considering a short-distance move, the chart helps you figure what your current home in Plymouth, for example, would cost in Rochester Hills. The broker's chart gives an index value to 39 communities throughout Michigan. There's also a nationwide index, so corporate transferees can compare their current home to a similar home in more than 250 markets around the country.

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ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. I am a director of a condominium association and our board is somewhat divided. One segment is willing to spend money on a top-notch CPA but other board members want the cheapest CPA we can find.

We are a large condominium association and frankly can afford to divide the fixed cost of a CPA among our members without it contributing significantly to our individual monthly assessments.

A. There are certain people on the board who believe their task is to spend as little money, at whatever cost, as possible.

They fail to recognize their fiduciary duties to operate the business of the association by the best means available. That includes obtaining

the best personnel they can possibly obtain within reason.

What is reasonable, of course, is subjective. Most associations do have the economic ability to retain top-notch legal and/or accounting talent, as well as other professionals to assist them.

Those who settle for second best may end up finding this inhibits the ability of the condominium project to succeed, thereby diminishing the marketability of units of condominium co-owners, as well as exposing directors to potentially more lawsuits by association members and by others.

Clearly point out the minimal actual incremental costs to a co-owner for hiring the best CPA. It may be only pennies more a month and the detriments of finding someone neither capable and/or available to assist the needs of the association may be disastrous to the association.

Q. I am a CPA who works with several management companies. One management company with

whom I deal on behalf of an association is extremely difficult to get a hold of and rarely calls me back. It uses the excuse that it is very busy and frankly doesn't have a lot of time to deal with my questions.

How do I get across to the board subtly that it may not be dealing with the best management company for its needs. The management company has threatened to black-ball me if I give them any problems.

A. Both you and the management company owe a fiduciary responsibility to your client, namely the association. If the management company is not performing services and is basically attempting to put undue pressure on you in order for you not to advise your client of concerns regarding management of the association, that is obviously wrong.

You may be under intense economic pressure from the management company not to "turn it in," so to speak; however, your legal and fiduciary responsibilities dictate otherwise.

Eventually, the apparent lack of management skills and/or unprofessionalism will catch up with the management company and you will come out the winner.

I would advise the association in professional terms that you are not receiving cooperation of the management company and that perhaps other professionals and/or persons dealing with the management company are similarly situated. It will be in your best interests to do so, as well as in the interest of your client.

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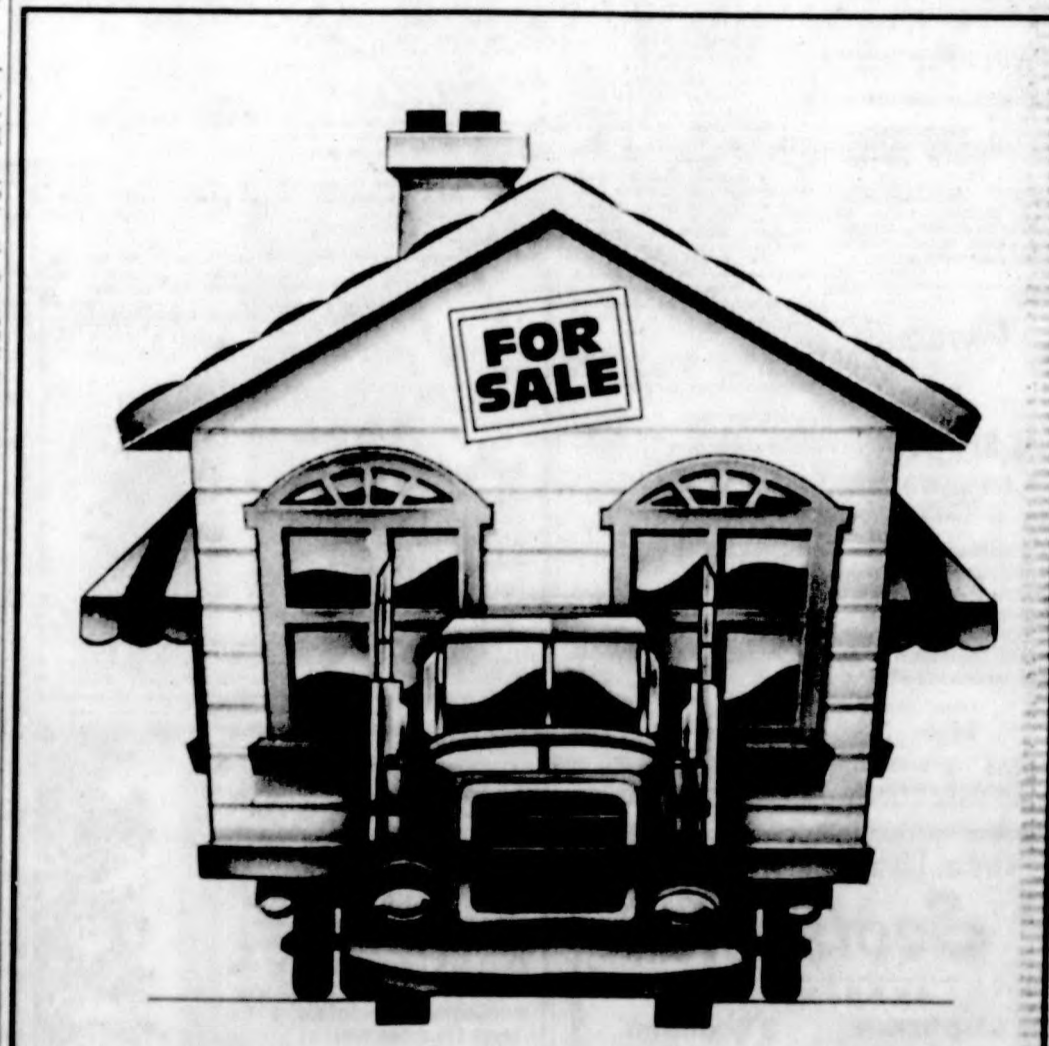
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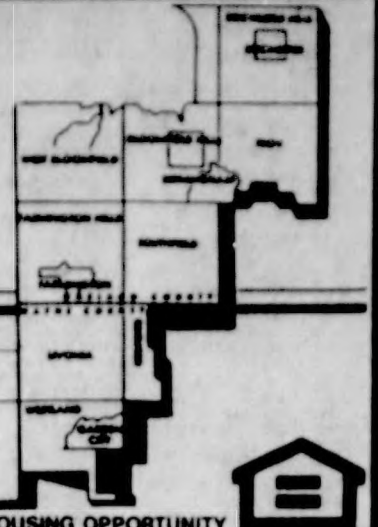
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BUILDING & BUSINESS OBSERVER STARS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary - including the towns of residency and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired - to: Stars, Building & Business, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Robert A. Berlow of West Bloomfield was promoted to executive vice president, general counsel and secretary with Perry Drug Stores Inc. Berlow joined the company as general counsel in 1978. He was named chief administrative officer in 1993.



Berlow

Ronald J. Hudzik was appointed sales manager for Defiance Tooling Systems in Livonia. Before joining Defiance Tooling Systems, Hudzik was sales manager for Jason Tool & Engineering Co. He has more than 25 years of industrial sales and marketing experience.



Hudzik

Rich Ansell of Birmingham was promoted to vice president, management supervisor of Young & Rubicam Detroit's Diversified accounts. Ansell had been management supervisor. He started with the company as an account executive on the Lincoln-Mercury Dealer Associations account.



Ansell

Betty J. Ferguson of Garden City was promoted to account manager with Willis Corroon Corp. of Michigan in Livonia. Ferguson had been an account representative. She joined Willis Corroon in 1989.



Ferguson

Canton condos want families

Buyers with an eye for a colonial model can choose from among three basic floor plans in Stonecrest, a smallish site condominium subdivision in Canton expected to be especially attractive for families with children.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER



Stonecrest, detached site condominiums in Canton, is developer/builder Bob Kime's first project since spinning off his own operation after a long, fruitful partnership with his brother.

Nearly a third of the 45 building sites off Palmer between Lilley and Sheldon have sold since the model opened in August.

"What sets us apart, number one, is the style of the house," said Kime, president of RDK Homes in Plymouth. "It opens up. We tried to stick with old standards, ceramic tile, masonry fireplace, things we think people like."

"It has an attractive exterior, curb appeal, and interiors with good functional space and quality construction," he added.

Buyers at Stonecrest have a choice of three basic floor plans featuring nearly 2,000 square feet and three bedrooms and an open



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Castlestone: This model at Stonecrest features three bedrooms and a loft upstairs, a family room, living room and dining room on the main level.

loft or four bedrooms upstairs for less than \$150,000.

Standard features include attached, two-car garage, basement, first-floor laundry, ceiling lights in secondary bedrooms and dishwasher.

Popular options include fireplace (\$3,200), air conditioning (\$2,500), deck (\$2,300) and finishing of the bath in the master suite (\$2,900).

The main level of the Castlestone model provides a living room leading to a formal dining room, kitchen with eating nook and family room with a peaked ceiling.

The half bath in the Castlestone is right off the foyer at the front door, a highly-unusual placing.

"It's away from and a little private from the family room where people are and convenient for kids outside - they don't have to run through the whole house," Kime said.

The laundry is off the garage entrance.

"It makes a good mud room," Kime said. "Kids can drop off their dirty clothes and coats and wash their hands here before mom catches them in the kitchen."

A family and loft area overlook the family room on the second level.

"People can use it as a study, a little computer area, sewing," Kime said. "There's a good view outside. You can look down at the fireplace. It really opens the house."

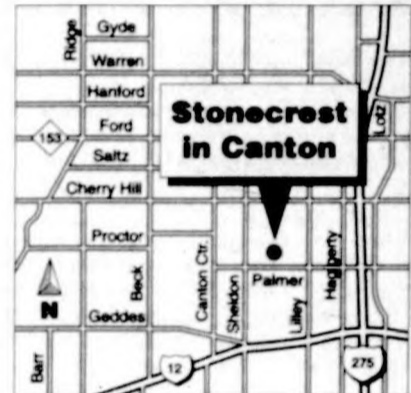
Upstairs, the master suite is separated from the other two bedrooms with a walk-down step and a lantern light at the door.

The master has a cathedral ceiling, walk-in closet, shower and double-sink vanity.

A second full bath is upstairs.

A small step down leads from the kitchen/eating nook to the family room downstairs to create an impression of spaciousness.

With optional bay windows, the



Castlestone model features 28 windows, said Greg Kime, Bob's son and sales manager at the site. "It really adds another dimension to the house . . . and a lot of light," Greg said.

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Volunteers: Troy Kmart store manager David Haluska (far left) gathers with employees Sue Dorn, Bonnie Horning, Dawn Martin, Gene Morris and Marilyn Rutkowski who are involved in volunteer activities.



JIM RIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kmart honors volunteer spirit

BY MARY RODRIGUE
STAFF WRITER

To recognize and encourage social activism, Troy-based Kmart Corporation has designed a program to honor its workers who volunteer in their communities.

The international retailing giant recently recognized 10,000 of its employees across the country for outstanding commitment to helping the homeless, feeding the hungry and raising funds for nonprofit organizations.

Kmart calls the effort Community Volunteers. "Our premise is that to have a positive impact on the communities where we do business, we must encourage

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Stonecrest from page 1F

The Cobblefield model is similar to the Castlestone on the first level except that there is no peaked ceiling in the family room and a fourth bedroom replaces the loft upstairs.

The Alabaster has the largest family room, an island in the kitchen and tucks the power room off the family room next to the laundry. The upstairs is similar to the Castlestone. All three models are about the same size and carry the same basic sticker price.

Exteriors are brick, stucco and aluminum, with some brick on all four sides. The subdivision is serviced by city water and sewers and will have sidewalks.

Stonecrest is in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The property tax rate for a house in Canton in the Plymouth-Canton school district is about \$31 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value.

That means the owner of a \$150,000 condo in Stonecrest would annually pay about \$2,325 in property taxes for township, school and county services.

The association/maintenance fee is \$95 quarterly. Condo owners are expected to maintain their own lawns.

Tim and Donna Dowling, along with son, Kevin, will move into an Alabaster model.

"We decided to look in the Canton area because it has good schools," Donna said. "We're in Wayne-Westland now and they're having some problems."

"The subdivision we liked because it's rela-

■ 'What took us in there was simply the price and the Canton area and the room sizes. I like the loft idea, studio ceiling in the master bedroom and the family room. Peaked ceilings always make rooms look larger.'

Caron Stiles

tively small. It will make for a better neighborhood. We'll know our neighbors.

"We've gone almost every day since they started building," Donna added. "It's very good quality. They're very diligent."

Caron and Paul Stiles are building the Castlestone.

"What took us in there was simply the price and the Canton area and the room sizes," Caron said. "I like the loft idea, studio ceiling in the master bedroom and the family room. Peaked ceilings always make rooms look larger."

"I like the way they have planned windows on the sides so that not every window looks into another window. There's a little more privacy," she said.

The sales office at Stonecrest, (313) 397-8414, is open 1-7 p.m. weekdays, 1-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, closed Thursdays.

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Kmart associates to reach out to others and empower them to use the many resources of Kmart at a grass roots level," said Teri L. Kula, a Kmart spokeswoman.

In an organized way, Kmart has encouraged its workers since 1985 to give something back to the communities where its stores are located.

The Troy store at 100 E. Maple exemplifies that effort.

"We're involved in WalkAmerica, United Way, the Children's Giving Tree, food baskets at Thanksgiving, and needy children's shopping spree at Christmas," said David Haluska, store manager.

This year store employees reached out to one of their own, former assistant manager Earle Schram, who died of cancer last May.

"Earle worked for Kmart 21 years. He had to leave last October because of his health," Haluska said. "The (associates) kept him going. The whole store got behind the effort."

Employees under the direction of Sue Dorn and Kathy Proudfoot planned and executed a major benefit to help Haluska with bills. Some \$2,000 was raised. And as a tribute to his memory, each of four volunteers honored recently in the E. Maple store earmarked his or her charity check for \$25 to the American Cancer Society.

"Obviously we're here to do a job. But it's good for us and good for the community to be involved," Haluska said. "We should all be thankful for what we've got."

Those honored in Troy were Marilyn Rutkowski, who works with the Thanksgiving food basket program; Gene Morris, United Way; Dawn Martin, the March of Dimes; and Bonnie Horning, the Good News Committee.

Throughout the year, Kmart employees work on annual events with organizations including the Muscular Dystrophy Association, American Heart Institute, the American Red Cross, United Way and Easter Seals.

Kmart is the national retail sponsor of the

March of Dimes WalkAmerica program. This year, Kmart's team of more than 250,000 associates raised \$1.7 million. Kmart CEO and President Joe Antonini served as honorary chairman.

Also this year, Kmart became the sponsor of Give Kids the World, a nonprofit organization that fulfills the special dreams of terminally ill children. Through paper castle sales, Kmart employees raised more than \$275,000 for the program.

Carla Vollmer, who works at the service desk in the Kmart store on Ann Arbor Rd. in Plymouth, has a special interest in a day camp for handicapped children.

"Every year she takes her vacation and volunteers at the camp," said her store manager Roger Whitehill. "She raises money for the camp all year long. Carla has a wooden leg herself. She is just a wonderful employee."

Vollmer was one of four employees honored for volunteerism at her store.

"I think it's excellent. Employees don't get enough recognition for the good things that they do. It's nice when someone tells them," Whitehill said of the program.

At Thanksgiving, each Kmart store prepares and donates at least 20 food baskets for local needy families — totaling more than 48,000 baskets. At Christmas, Kmart associates treat needy children to a special holiday shopping spree. Many volunteer projects are ongoing throughout the year.

For the first time, a nationwide ceremony was broadcast to each Kmart store last month to recognize the efforts of 10,000 employees as outstanding community volunteers. Each store manager conducted a local store ceremony to recognize four associates within that store for their community outreach activities.

"In many ways, Kmart and American consumers have grown up together so we feel a longstanding obligation to the communities where we do business," said Kula.

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David F. Simon
Franklin's chairman

counties. For a nomination form, or for more information, call the Women's Economic Club at (313) 963-5088.

Franklin Bank N.A. has established the Franklin Awards to recognize the important contributions of family-owned businesses.

Entries will be judged on proven success, contribution to industry and the community, length of multi-generational involvement, innovative business practices or strategy and overall work environment.

Award categories will be based on number of employees — fewer than 10, 10-49, 50-150 and more than 150.

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"The Franklin Award is designed to recognize, reward and encourage family-owned businesses."

Anyone may nominate. Self-nominations are encouraged. Written nominations must be returned to Franklin Bank by Jan. 18, 1995. Applications will then be mailed to nominees to be completed and returned with a \$20 application fee by Feb. 1.

Applications will be judged by a panel of independent small business specialists and principals of family businesses.

For more information or a nomination form, contact Rebecca Christian or Lisa Hady at Franklin at (313) 963-6082.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 3

MASONRY INSTITUTE

The Masonry Institute of Michigan conducts its annual meeting 8:30 a.m. to noon at Sheraton Oaks of Novi. A special seminar "Connectors: Ties, Anchors and Fasteners" will be offered. Cost, which includes lunch, is \$30 for members, \$50 for non-members. To register, call (313) 458-8544.

MONDAY, DEC. 5

SAFETY PROGRAM

The American Society of Employers sponsors a seminar "Building an Effective Safety Program" 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at its offices, 23815 Northwestern, Southfield. Presenter: Richard Zueb, Michigan Department of Labor. Cost is \$20. Advance registration requested at (810) 353-4500.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants presents a workshop "Evaluating and Imple-

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VARIETY OF INTERESTS
SF 77, a Christian, attractive, 28 years of age & 5'3, with brown hair & brown eyes. I love to go dancing, skating, bowling, to theaters, movies & hiking.

SOCIAL DRINKER
SWF 56, 136 lbs. & 38 years of age. I would like to meet a very special honest, sincere, caring friend. I like to wash, travel, listening to music & dancing. I like to go to the beach. I'm active & I don't smoke. Call Ext. 31843.

BROWN HAIR & BLUE EYES
SWF 19, 19 years of age & 5'5. I enjoy reading, writing poetry & listening to music. I'm looking for someone who is sweet loving & caring, for a special relationship. Call Ext. 31846.

ACTIVE MEMBER OF CHAPEL
DGF I have two children out of college. I'm 48 years of age, 5'4, 130 lbs. I'm looking for a Christian man who likes to go to movies & out to dinners. Call Ext. 31863.

MY INTERESTS ARE MANY
SWF 36, 58, with dark brown eyes & brown hair. I'm a member of the Church of Jesus Christ Later Day Saints. I love to fish, listen to long walks & reading. I'm easy to get along with. Call Ext. 31865.

PROPORTIONAL, 49 & CHRISTIAN
SWF 51.0, proportional, 49 & Christian. I'm looking for someone about 6', proportional, loves life, fishing, swimming, walking in the woods, being around family & friends, etc. I like stage plays, the movies, soccer, & enjoy life to its fullest. I'm active & going for someone who is intelligent. Call Ext. 31864.

TRADITIONAL VALUES
SWF 44, 56, 128 lbs., with black hair & hazel eyes. I'm financially secure & a professional. I enjoy fine dining, traveling, playing, aerobics & quiet evenings by the fire. I'm active & like to meet a professional, non-smoking, fit, sensitive, loving, kind of man in his 40's. Call Ext. 31844.

LIBRARIAN
SWF 70, I would like to meet a caring, lively, like cultural things, plays, opera, classical concerts & dining out. Call Ext. 31864.

CARING & SINCERE
SWF 58, 56, 138 lbs. & a Christian. I'm looking for a special man who is caring, fun, loving, & like to be with someone who is intelligent. Call Ext. 31842.

FOR COMPANION
SWF Working mother & 30 years of age. You must like kids, be employed & financially stable. I'm looking for a single White male, 30-40, who is a member of the Pentecostal & Baptist church. Call Ext. 31841.

MOTHER OF TWO
SF I'm 30 & a Baptist. I enjoy reading, cooking & quiet evenings at home. I'm looking for someone with old fashioned values, 30 & who enjoys children. Call Ext. 31811.

MUST LOVE CHILDREN
SWF 31, Catholic & full figured. I love God, my daughter, sports, camping & dancing. I have a lot of love to give to a man who is warm, caring, & can laugh at himself. Looking for a White professional male 30-40. Call Ext. 31832.

ENJOY THE OUTDOORS
DWF 38, 58, with light brown hair & green eyes. I enjoy reading, playing, aerobics, & Christian music. Looking for a man 35-45, with similar interests. Call Ext. 31827.

DO YOU LOVE THE LORD?
SWF Born again Christian, 5'4, 128 lbs., with brown hair & blue eyes. I'm looking for a man who is conversion, walks in the park, shows, dancing & going to church. Call Ext. 31825.

BAPTIST, MOTHER OF 2
SF I enjoy reading, cooking, quiet evenings at home & spending time with my children. I'm looking for a 40-45 year old man, at least 5'8, children are a 10, I would like someone who can go to church & spend time with us. Call Ext. 31811.

MANY INTERESTS
DF 41, business major, slender, 5'8, blonde hair, green eyes, Catholic & practicing as much as I can. The power of prayer is incorporated in my day to day living. I would prefer to meet a Catholic but being a Christian of any faith is fine. My best friend would be 30-40, with a great sense of humor. Call Ext. 31809.

NURSE / NONSMOKER
DWF 53, I would like to explore a little more of God's creations but not alone. I'm not ready for the rocking chair but looking to retire an unretired youth. If you share the same faith & have a strong Christian faith, someone for everyone, call me. Call Ext. 31805.

DESIRABLE SENIOR
Healthy, educated, Catholic, WF in 70's seeks active gentleman who is in late 70's or 80's. Call Ext. 31814.

DOWNRIVER AREA
SF 26, have a 3 year old, 5'5, light brown hair, blue eyes. I enjoy dining out, like quiet evenings & going for walks. Call Ext. 31856.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER
SWF 52, 130 lbs., professional, college degree. I have a wide variety of interests. I am looking for someone of my caliber. I'm a social drinker but a non-smoker. I am looking for someone that enjoys life. I am looking for someone who is a lot of fun, someone that has a possibly mature minded (that will come later). Call Ext. 31850.

PHYSICALLY ACTIVE / EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY
SWF Financially secure & professional. I'm 50, blonde, attractive, 5'3, being to a health club, I enjoy racquetball, movies, travel & all sports. I'm seeking a romantic, affectionate male who's honest with similar interests. Call Ext. 31577.

OPEN TO PRETTY MUCH ANYTHING
SF 40's, blonde, 5'7, 130 lbs., very slender, Baptist, non-smoker, nondrinker, degreed professional. I'm very active in my church. I am looking for someone who is of like faith, interested in the arts, theater, music, concerts, plays & live dining. Call Ext. 31817.

39, Catholic, 5'2, brunette hair, brown eyes. I enjoy doing many different things. I attend church in Jackson. I am interested in a one on one relationship & possible marriage in the future. I do prefer a non-smoker, 18 like someone with a sense of humor, is sincere, has a sense of humor & is also a romantic at heart. Call Ext. 31574.

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP
SF 46, brown hair & eyes, certified legal assistant & specialist in criminal law & procedure. I love snow skiing, music, dancing, movies, & traveling. I live in Nashville Tennessee where my 16 year old son attends school. I'm seeking companionship with someone of like interests & faith. Call Ext. 31582.

CASUAL PERSON
SF I'm interested in a man who is a strong & capable father with a man who knows the meaning of the word Christian. I would like to meet someone I can feel comfortable & be myself with. I enjoy walking my dog, making my home a warm & comfortable place. Call Ext. 31840.

SEEKING SINGLE MALE
SF 41, 52, brown eyes, long hair, nurse. I am seeking a single male 34-55. Healthy & positive personality. If you enjoy the blessings of life & even the presence of angels, I would like to meet you in the woods of my home. Call Ext. 31854.

LOVE THE LORD & PEOPLE
SF 40, Protestant, 5'5. I'm looking forward to the Holidays but I would be nice to have a date with a nice gentleman who also enjoys attending services. Someone who is caring & enjoys good Christian fellowship. Call Ext. 31480.

WANT BOSSBONE HONEST
SF 26, 55, live in the Downriver area, have a 3 year old, light brown hair, blue grey eyes. I like going out to movies, dining, going to church, & I'm looking for someone who enjoys the simple things in life. Call Ext. 31818.

ENJOY SPORTS & EXERCISING
SF Born again Christian, 43, real estate agent, 5'8, I would like to meet a born again Christian man who loves the Lord & loves to go into the spiritual things of God. Someone with a good personality & who is good hearted, ages 43-52, 5'8 or taller, blue or green eyes. Call Ext. 31820.

DESERVE A YOUNG MAN
SWF Christian & in my youth 40's. I'm looking for a single White male, who is strong in spirit & heart. I'm 5'8, slim brunette & have two daughters. I enjoy camping, boating, horseback riding, movies & more. I'm looking for a man who is a Christian & has similar interests. They are late 30's. Call Ext. 31841.

YALL MEN, LET ME HEAR FROM YOU
DF Early 50's, attractive, honest, sincere, Catholic, 6'8, brown hair & eyes. I enjoy gardening, outdoors, cooking, sewing, & am a romantic evening, dining out, going to movies, camping & fishing. I'm seeking a 6'0 woman man to share the same interests & hopefully a good friendship & possible future relationship. Non-smoker, social drinker will be fine. Call Ext. 31858.

ATTEND CHURCH WEEKLY
DWF Catholic, professionally employed, financially stable, 50's but look minus 40, attractive, former model, 5'5, 115 lbs, brown hair, brown eyes. I would like to meet a man or White colored guy-male Christian, about 9', attractive, good physical condition, that I could spend some time with. Call Ext. 31860.

SEEKING A CHRISTIAN
SWF 45, 65, medium build, attractive. I enjoy cars, parties, quiet dinners, visits to the beach, & I'm looking for a man who is a Christian & has a great sense of humor but can be serious too. I'm open to guys & gals. Call Ext. 31880.

NO OBSCURITIES OR OBSCURE PLACES
SF 67 but look about 47, Brown hair, 5'7, brown hair & eyes. I'm looking for a man who is a Christian & has similar interests. They are late 30's. Call Ext. 31841.

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO GO ON
SWF I'm 22, 6'7, a born again Christian belonging to a great local church & who has never been married. I am looking for a male companion with the same interests. Call Ext. 31857.

ATTEND BIBLE STUDY & CHURCH
SWF 46, my religious preference is Lutheran. I would like to meet someone that is Protestant & involved in church. Call Ext. 31857.

MOTHER OF 3
SWF 9, 110 lbs, 38, I am seeking a White male for companionship & family fun. My interests include walking in the park, fine movies, movies, quiet evenings, playing pool, & quiet evenings at home. I'm looking for a man who is a Christian & has similar interests. They are late 30's. Call Ext. 31841.

CARING & SINCERE
SWF 33, 5'2, 120 lbs, short light brown hair, average looking. I love traveling, fishing, gardening, being outdoors, the country life & relaxing & having a good time. I'm looking for a man who is a Christian & has similar interests. They are late 30's. Call Ext. 31841.

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RACE IS OPEN

SBF Beautiful, 135 lbs. I'm seeking a gentleman 50 plus for companionship. Someone who likes horseback riding, watching TV, long walks & doing fun things together. Call Ext. 31551.

MUST BE A MATURE GENTLEMAN
SWF 30, 5'4, 110 lbs, Auburn hair, green eyes, employed & independent. I'm a non-smoker & non-drinker. I am seeking a single White male, preferably 21-26 who is also employed & independent. I like children, going to movies, parks, picnics, the theater, horseback riding, camping & hiking. Call Ext. 30982.

CHILDREN ARE GROWN & ON THEIR OWN
WFF Early 50's, brown hair, blue eyes, own my own home. I like quiet evenings, driving, country western & love animals. I'm looking for someone to share simple things in life with. Call Ext. 31520.

LIKE DOING ANYTHING
WFF 60, self employed, 5', dark brown hair, brown eyes. I like going, bowling, playing cards & movies. I'm looking for a man who doesn't attend church at this time. Call Ext. 31510.

METHODIST
SF Retired teacher, young 50 something, non-smoker, non-drinker. I am interested in meeting someone who enjoys reading, music, playing, hiking, playing golf, bowling, arts & crafts, and quiet meals at home. Call Ext. 31384.

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR, POSITIVE OUTLOOK
WFF 48, Catholic, two daughters, age 22, a son age 28. I'm a non-smoker. I'm retired. Call Ext. 31382.

PROFESSIONAL WITH 2 MASTERS DEGREE
SWF 53-54, dark brunette, pretty, intelligent, great conversationalist, physically fit. I love tennis, walking & skiing. I'm looking for a man that is a conservative Christian, Methodist, Baptist 45-60 years old, financially secure. Someone who enjoys a variety of activities. Call Ext. 31515.

BAPTIST RELIGION / NONSMOKER
WFF 45, retired, 5'2, 110 lbs, blonde hair, recently retired, 5'9, very good physical condition, very active. I enjoy most all sports & belong to a bowling & golfing league. I would like very much to meet someone with the same interests. Call Ext. 31420.

FASHIONED MORALS & VALUES
DWF 37, very upbeat, positive, outgoing, communicative, Methodist. I like all sports particularly baseball & football. I'm very family oriented. I'm a non-smoker, non-drinker. I am looking for someone who is a Baptist Christian. Someone who is positive & feels that communication is a big part of any relationship. Call Ext. 31499.

40 BUT LOOK 30
SF Brown medium length hair, green eyes, professional, own my own business. I have 4 beautiful daughters, a golden retriever and a few cuddly cats. I have a strong relationship with Jesus & I'm looking for a church to go to & I like Pentecostal churches. I am looking for a man between 35-50 who loves Jesus, faith, & all Gods beautiful animals. Call Ext. 31500.

TINY IN STRUCTURE
EWF 54, 5'2, very active, employed, Baptist. Looking for a non-smoker. I love social gatherings, prayer groups & church. Call Ext. 31472.

FRIENDSHIP / RELATIONSHIP
SWF 31, 5'8, 120 lbs. I am hoping to meet a single White male 30-38. Qualities desired: Honest, adventurous, professionally employed, romantic & caring. Gentleman who is a Christian. Call Ext. 31471.

OPEN TO DIFFERENT RELIGIONS
SF Catholic, 31, great sense of humor, I'm a nurse. I like listening to soft music & going to movies. I am looking for a man who has values & traditional beliefs. Call Ext. 31470.

RED HAIR & HAZEL EYES
SF 43, 5'4, I enjoy going to the theater, love traveling, going to movies, concerts, sporting events & church activities. I would like to meet someone who enjoys the same things. Call Ext. 31460.

BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN
SF 39 years mature, a loving grandma of 1 soon to be active little boy. I'm into astrology. With the upcoming holidays it would be nice to have an extra friend to share them with. I'm looking for a 40-50 year old man, mature, honest, & kind. Call Ext. 31458.

ENJOY ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE
WF 46, no dependent children. I'm financially independent & a born again Christian. I am greatly appreciative of the life God has given me. The only thing lacking is a soul mate. I'm looking for a man who is a Christian, 30-40, with a great sense of humor. Call Ext. 31453.

SWEET & SIMPLE
SF 26, 5'6, light brown hair, blue eyes. I enjoy reading, playing, aerobics, & Christian music. I'm in search of a male friend, ages 25-30 who's attractive & fun loving. Must be gentle & sweet. Call Ext. 31450.

IN THE EDUCATIONAL FIELD
DF 49, Catholic, I enjoy dancing, going to the outdoors, movies & quiet evenings. I would like to meet someone with the same interests. Call Ext. 31447.

EMPLOYED CATHOLIC
SF 21, I am looking for someone who's between the age of 20-25. I like going to movies, eating out or just having fun. Call Ext. 31445.

INTERESTED IN MEETING YOU
WF 57, employed. I'm looking for a Christian man that likes to have fun. Call Ext. 31442.

LOOKING SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP
SWF Attractive, 5'7, 39, 135 lbs, blonde hair, very slender & shapely, college educated, very romantic & have a good sense of humor. I write poetry. I like going to walks in the park, going to museums. I'm looking to meet a Black male, 40-45, preferably 6'. I love the Lord. Call Ext. 31434.

CATHOLIC
DWF Late 50's, 5'4, hazel eyes, dark brown shoulder length hair. I like to do a variety of things including going to the movies, dining out & long drives. I'm looking for a male about my age. Someone who has a sense of humor, is at least 5'8, is caring & compassionate. Call Ext. 31434.

HAVE A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR
SWF 58, 22, brown hair, blue eyes. I think people should live an abundant life according to Gods plan for them. I want a man who is a strong Christian & who loves God with all their being. I would prefer long hair, a man that's easy going & a serious Christian. Ages 23-29. Call Ext. 31431.

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FULL FIGURED
SWF 24, 5'5, full figured, with dark brown hair & hazel eyes. I go to a Pentecostal church. I like camping, canoeing, long walks, music, line dancing, watching movies & staying in. I'm looking for a single White male 19-26 who is honest & not into playing games. Call Ext. 31398.

CATHOLIC
SWF 33, 5'5, 120 lbs., non-smoker, professional, with hazel eyes & brunette hair. I'm looking for a man that is professionally employed, clean cut, a non-smoker, financially and emotionally mature & interested in a serious relationship. I'm interested in skiing, gardening & looking for someone to share what life has to offer. Call Ext. 31349.

LOOKING FOR HONES MAN
SBF 31, full figure, with brown hair & brown eyes. I'm a Baptist Christian. I'm interested in quiet evenings at home, going to plays, going to movies, bowling, quiet walks in the park & Bible studies. I'm interested in meeting someone who has similar interests as mine & is a Baptist Christian. Someone who is sincere, a non-smoker & non-drinker. Call Ext. 31234.

ENJOY CAMPING
SWF Christian & in my youth 40's. I'm looking for a single White male, who is strong in spirit & heart. I'm 5'8, slim, brunette & have two daughters. I enjoy camping, boating, horseback riding, movies & more. If you are over 42, attractive, well proportioned & with similar interests, then lets talk. Call Ext. 31341.

LOVE THE OUTDOORS
SF Late 20's, with a very fun, down to earth personality. I love the country, hiking, the mountains, golfing, skiing, etc. I'm looking for a guy that is good looking, with a down to earth personality & a lot of fun. Call Ext. 31336.

LIKE FOOTBALL
DFB 47, non-smoker, 5'7, 160 lbs. & a born again Christian. I like football, camping, reading & music. I would like to meet a man 45-55, who's first priority is pleasing God. Call Ext. 31342.

ATTRACTIVE
WFF Attractive, 5'7, 39, 135 lbs, blonde hair, very slender & shapely, college educated, very romantic & have a good sense of humor. I write poetry. I like going to walks in the park, going to museums. I'm looking to meet a Black male, 40-45, preferably 6'. I love the Lord. Call Ext. 31434.

SLIM & TRIM
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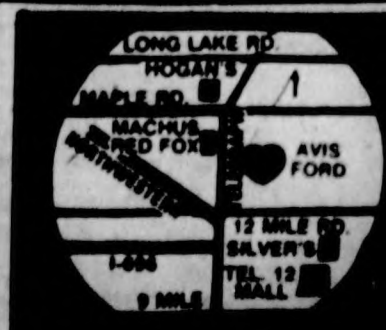
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IBM, HP, Dell, Compaq, Epson, Canon, etc.

716 Commercial Industrial Equip.

Drill Machine, Saws, Grinders, etc.

717 Farm, Garden, Lawn, Snow Equip.

Snowblowers, Mowers, Tractors, etc.

718 Building Materials

Windows, Doors, Siding, etc.

719 Hot Tubs, Spas & Pools

Hot tubs, spas, pools, etc.

722 Hobbies

Coins & Stamps

723 Jewelry

Cash in a Flash, etc.

723 Jewelry

Always Buying, etc.

724 Camera-Supplies Camcorders

Cameras, lenses, etc.

726 Musical Instruments

Pianos, guitars, etc.

728 Musical Instruments

Various musical instruments

729 Musical Instruments

More musical instruments

730 Musical Instruments

Additional musical instruments

732 Musical Instruments

Final musical instruments

736 Household Pets

Dogs, cats, birds, etc.

808 Vehicle & Boat Storage

Storage services for vehicles and boats

812 Motorcycles

Motorcycles for sale

813 Motorcycle Parts & Service

Parts and service for motorcycles

814 Campers, Trailers & Motorhomes

Campers, trailers, and motorhomes

816 Auto & Truck Parts & Service

Parts and service for cars and trucks

818 Auto Services - Financing

Financing for auto purchases

821 Junk Cars Wanted

Wanted junk cars for sale

822 Trucks For Sale

Trucks for sale

823 Trucks For Sale

More trucks for sale

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FORD 1991...
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GMC 1992...
RAM 1990...
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623 Vans
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CHEVY 1988...
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625 Sports & Imported Cars
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